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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1785 |
| By: Capriglione |
| State Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised regarding the potential influence on the legislative process by individuals representing foreign governments and the difficulty of determining whether an individual has properly registered as a foreign agent as required by federal law. H.B. 1785 seeks to address these concerns by making such information about those individuals more transparent and easily accessible. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 1785 amends the Government Code to require a lobbyist registration form to include a statement of whether the registrant is or is required to be registered as a foreign agent under the federal Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |