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S.B. No. 2233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the completion of sexual harassment prevention training and ethics training to register as a lobbyist.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 305.005(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) The registration must be written and verified and must contain:

(1) the registrant's full name and address;

(2) the registrant's normal business, business phone number, and business address;

(3) the full name and address of each person:

(A) who reimburses, retains, or employs the registrant to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action; and

(B) on whose behalf the registrant has communicated directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action;

(4) the subject matter of the legislation or of the administrative action that is the subject of the registrant's direct communication with a member of the legislative or executive branch and, if applicable, the docket number or other administrative designation of the administrative action;

1 (5) for each person employed or retained by the
2 registrant for the purpose of assisting in direct communication
3 with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence
4 legislation or administrative action:

5 (A) the full name, business address, and
6 occupation of the person; and

7 (B) the subject matter of the legislation or of
8 the administrative action to which the person's activities
9 reportable under this section were related and, if applicable, the
10 docket number or other administrative designation of the
11 administrative action; ~~and~~

12 (6) the amount of compensation or reimbursement paid
13 by each person who reimburses, retains, or employs the registrant
14 for the purpose of communicating directly with a member of the
15 legislative or executive branch or on whose behalf the registrant
16 communicates directly with a member of the legislative or executive
17 branch;

18 (7) a certificate evidencing completion of a sexual
19 harassment prevention training course in the previous two years, as
20 required by Section 305.0052; and

21 (8) a certificate evidencing completion of an ethics
22 training course in the previous two years, as required by Section
23 305.0053.

24 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 305, Government Code, is
25 amended by adding Sections 305.0052 and 305.0053 to read as
26 follows:

27 Sec. 305.0052. SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING. (a)

1 Each individual required to register under this chapter shall
2 attend a sexual harassment prevention training course every two
3 years, as approved by the commission, and shall submit to the
4 commission a certificate of completion of the course.

5 (b) The certificate of completion must be in a form approved
6 by the commission.

7 (c) The commission shall adopt rules as necessary to
8 implement this section.

9 Sec. 305.0053. ETHICS TRAINING. (a) Each individual
10 required to register under this chapter shall attend an ethics
11 training course every two years, as approved by the commission, and
12 shall submit to the commission a certificate of completion of the
13 course.

14 (b) The certificate of completion must be in a form approved
15 by the commission.

16 (c) The commission shall adopt rules as necessary to
17 implement this section.

18 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas Ethics
19 Commission shall adopt rules as required by Sections 305.0052 and
20 305.0053, Government Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 4. Section 305.005, Government Code, as amended by
22 this Act, applies only to a registration required to be filed under
23 that section on or after January 1, 2022.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.