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S.B. No. 2233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring sexual harassment prevention training and
3 ethics training to register as a lobbyist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (4) the subject matter of the legislation or of the
21 administrative action that is the subject of the registrant's
22 direct communication with a member of the legislative or executive
23 branch and, if applicable, the docket number or other
24 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 person required to register under this chapter shall attend a
2 sexual harassment prevention training course every two years, as
3 approved by the commission, and shall submit to the commission a
4 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 person required
10 to register under this chapter shall attend an ethics training
11 course every two years, as approved by the commission, and shall
12 submit to the commission a certificate of completion of the course.

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

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

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

20 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
21 to an initial registration or renewal registration under Chapter
22 305, Government Code, filed on or after January 1, 2022. An initial
23 registration or renewal registration under Chapter 305, Government
24 Code, filed before January 1, 2022, is governed by the law in effect
25 when that registration is filed, and the former law is continued in
26 effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.