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Overview

This bill requires additional disclosures related to contributions by lobbyists, political committees, and political funds.

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Content. Adds to the content of the lobbyist's report to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

A lobbyist would be required to report the date and amount of each contribution made to a candidate, principal campaign committee, or party unit, along with the name and address of each candidate, campaign committee, or party unit to which a contribution was made.

This information is required to be reported regardless of the amount of the contribution.

Contents of report. Adds to the content of reports required to be filed by candidates, principal campaign committees, and party units.

The reports would be required to list the date and amount of any contribution received from a lobbyist, political committee, or political fund, as well as the name and address of the contributing lobbyist, political committee, or political fund.

This information is required to be reported regardless of the amount of the contribution.

Pre-election reports. Adds contributions in any amount from lobbyists, political committees, and political funds to the existing structure for reporting contributions in the days immediately leading up to an election.

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Effective date. Provides that the new reporting requirements in this bill apply to reports required to be filed on or after July 1, 2014.