

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1609 Session of 2021

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 25, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, FURTHER <--
3 PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, providing for ethics training and
4 further providing for administration.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 ~~Section 1. Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <--
8 ~~Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:~~

9 SECTION 1. SECTION 13A03 OF TITLE 65 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--

10 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION TO READ:

11 § 13A03. DEFINITIONS.

12 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER
13 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
14 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

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16 "CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES

1 COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL CAMPAIGN-RELATED SERVICES,
2 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, POLITICAL, STRATEGIC, ADVISORY OR
3 FUNDRAISING SERVICES, RENDERED TO A CAMPAIGN TO ELECT AN
4 INDIVIDUAL TO OFFICE.

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6 SECTION 2. TITLE 65 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
7 § 13A05.1. Ethics training.

8 Each lobbyist AND CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT shall annually complete <--
9 at least one hour of ethics training developed and managed by
10 the ~~department~~ COMMISSION under section ~~13A08(1)~~ 13A08 (relating <--
11 to administration). A lobbyist OR CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT subject to <--
12 this section shall be subject to the same penalties imposed
13 under section 13A09(c) (relating to penalties). THE ANNUAL <--
14 PERIOD SHALL BEGIN ON JULY 1 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
15 SECTION.

16 Section ~~2~~ 3. Section 13A08 of Title 65 is amended by adding <--
17 a subsection to read:

18 § 13A08. Administration.

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20 (1) Ethics training.--The department shall develop and
21 manage a program for ethics training required for lobbyists AND <--
22 CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS under section 13A05.1 (relating to ethics
23 training).

24 Section ~~3~~ 4. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 180 days. <--