



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB3020

Introduced 2/5/2020, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/2-101

from Ch. 127, par. 602-101

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that a member of the General Assembly, his or her spouse, and any immediate family member living with that member of the General Assembly shall not, for compensation: (1) act as a lobbyist or otherwise act in a capacity that would require that person to register as a lobbyist; or (2) communicate with any official of the executive or legislative branch of State government or any official of any unit of local government or school district for the ultimate purpose of influencing any executive, legislative, or administrative action. Provides that any person who violates the provisions commits a Class A misdemeanor and, if a member of the General Assembly, shall forfeit his or her office. Defines terms. Repeals current provisions banning members of the General Assembly from lobbying. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 2-101 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/2-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 602-101)

7 Sec. 2-101. Prohibition on lobbying.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
9 on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
10 101st General Assembly, a member of the General Assembly, his  
11 or her spouse, and any immediate family member living with that  
12 member of the General Assembly shall not, for compensation:

13 (1) act as a lobbyist or otherwise act in a capacity  
14 that would require that person to register as a lobbyist  
15 under the Lobbyist Registration Act or any lobbyist  
16 registration ordinance adopted by a unit of local  
17 government or school district; or

18 (2) communicate with any official of the executive or  
19 legislative branch of State government or any official of  
20 any unit of local government or school district for the  
21 ultimate purpose of influencing any executive,  
22 legislative, or administrative action.

23 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section

1 commits a Class A misdemeanor and, if a member of the General  
2 Assembly, shall forfeit his or her office.

3 (c) For purposes of this Section only:

4 "Lobbyist" means an individual who, by acting directly,  
5 does any of the following:

6 (1) Receives compensation to encourage the passage,  
7 defeat, approval, veto, or modification of legislation, a  
8 rule, or an executive order by the members of the General  
9 Assembly, a State agency, or any statewide or local elected  
10 official or governing body.

11 (2) Is a designated representative of an organization  
12 which has as one of its purposes the encouragement of the  
13 passage, defeat, approval, veto, or modification of  
14 legislation, a rule, or an executive order before the  
15 General Assembly, a State agency, or any statewide or local  
16 elected official or governing body.

17 (3) Represents the position of a federal, State, or  
18 local government body or agency, in which the person serves  
19 or is employed as the designated representative, for  
20 purposes of encouraging the passage, defeat, approval,  
21 veto, or modification of legislation, a rule, or an  
22 executive order by members of the General Assembly, a State  
23 agency, or any statewide or local elected official or  
24 governing body.

25 "Lobbyist" does not include an individual who is a member,  
26 director, trustee, officer, or committee member of a business,

1 trade, labor, farm, professional, religious, education, or  
2 charitable association, foundation, or organization who is not  
3 paid compensation and is not otherwise specifically designated  
4 as a lobbyist under this Act.

5 "Official of any unit of local government or school  
6 district" means any elected or appointed official of a unit of  
7 local government or school district.

8 "Official of the executive or legislative branch of State  
9 government" has the meaning provided in subsection (c) of  
10 Section 2 of the Lobbyist Registration Act.

11 ~~No legislator may engage in lobbying, as that term is defined~~  
12 ~~in Section 1-109, if he accepts compensation specifically~~  
13 ~~attributable to such lobbying, other than that provided by law~~  
14 ~~for members of the General Assembly. Nothing in this Section~~  
15 ~~prohibits a legislator from lobbying without compensation.~~

16 ~~A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class A~~  
17 ~~misdemeanor.~~

18 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.