

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Pabon

Bill Status: House SVMA

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TITLE: CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT-SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH LOBBYING PUBLIC OFFICIALS FOR COMPENSATION.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2011-2012 | FY 2012-2013 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | See State Expenditures section | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Effective Date: June 1, 2012, if no referendum petition is filed. | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required. | | |
| Local Government Impact: None. | | |

Summary of Legislation

This bill imposes restrictions on state government employment of a person as a member of the Governor's cabinet, head or deputy director of a state agency, or in the senior executive service within 2 years of being employed as a professional lobbyist. Specifically, these employees must pledge to not work with clients or on matters related to their former employment, and cannot work for state agencies which they previously lobbied. Affected employees are prohibited from becoming professional lobbyists for 2 years after leaving government service. The Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) is authorized to hear complaints, issue findings, and assess penalties arising from the new requirements.

State Expenditures

This bill will result in a minimal increase in state expenditures beginning in FY 2012-13. The Department of Personnel and Administration will incur minimal costs to adjust its technical guidance for hiring practices. The IEC may experience an increase in workload as a result of requests for information or complaints. On average, each request for support by the IEC requires 14 hours of staff time and may increase expenditures related to obtaining legal counsel. Should the IEC experience a large number of complaints and require additional resources, any requests for an increase in appropriations can be addressed through the annual budget process.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education

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