

## CHAPTER 2015-28

### Senate Bill No. 984

An act relating to an exemption from legislative lobbying requirements; amending s. 11.045, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “expenditure”; specifying that the term does not include use of a public facility or public property that is made available by a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying requirements; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and reporting; exemptions; penalties.—

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(c) “Expenditure” means a payment, distribution, loan, advance, reimbursement, deposit, or anything of value made by a lobbyist or principal for the purpose of lobbying. The term does not include:

1. Contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to chapter 106 or federal election law, campaign-related personal services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time, any other contribution or expenditure made by or to a political party or affiliated party committee, or any other contribution or expenditure made by an organization that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4).

2. A public-legislative use, which is the use of a public facility or public property that is made available by a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose, regardless of whether the governmental entity is required to register a person as a lobbyist pursuant to this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor May 14, 2015.

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