

HB 60 -- LOBBYIST EXPENDITURES (Alferman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on General Laws

This bill changes lobbying regulations by banning expenditures made by lobbyists to state public officials and removing reporting requirements no longer necessary because of this general ban on expenditures.

Certain exceptions to the definition of expenditures are added to current law. Customary gifts and flowers and plants are exempt.

The bill also requires individualized reporting by lobbyists on their expenditure reports to the Missouri Ethics Commission for events unless all members of the General Assembly or a statewide elected official's office are invited to the event. If all members or a statewide office holder is invited at least 72 hours prior to the event, then total aggregate amounts may be used on the reports.