AN ACT to create 19.45 (8m) of the statutes; relating to: service by a former member of the legislature as a lobbyist.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any individual who serves as a member of the legislature, for 12 months following the date on which the individual ceases to hold office, from being employed as a lobbyist. A “lobbyist” means an individual who is compensated by a principal and whose duties include attempting to influence state legislative action or state administrative rule-making action on behalf of the principal, except that an individual whose duties on behalf of a principal are not limited exclusively to lobbying is a “lobbyist” only if the individual makes lobbying communications on each of at least five days during a six-month reporting period.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than $5,000 for each violation. Intentional violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and are subject to a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both for each violation.
19.45 (8m) No individual who serves as a member of the legislature, for 12 months following the date on which the individual ceases to hold office, may be employed as a lobbyist, as defined in s. 13.62 (11).

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