

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1240

By: Sacchieri

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; creating the Protect Taxpayers Act of 2026; providing short title; defining terms; prohibiting government entities from certain acts; requiring certain relief upon violation; and providing for codification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4263 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protect Taxpayers Act of 2026".

B. As used in this act:

1. "Lobby" or "lobbying" means any oral or written communication with a state officer or employee of an agency, the Governor, or a member of the Legislature, or with an employee of the Governor or the Legislature, on behalf of a lobbyist with regard to the passage, defeat, formulation, modification, interpretation, amendment, adoption, approval, or veto of any legislation, rule, rate, regulation, executive order, or any other program, policy, or

1 position of state government. Lobbying shall not mean activity by a  
2 public official or public employee that is conducted in furtherance  
3 of the official's or employee's job duties or that informs the  
4 public regarding proposed measures that may significantly impact the  
5 official's or employee's government operations or programs; and

6 2. "Lobbyist" means any individual or entity who is employed or  
7 retained by another for financial or other compensation to perform  
8 services that include lobbying, other than an individual whose  
9 lobbying activities are only incidental to, and are not a  
10 significant part of, the services provided by such individual to the  
11 client.

12 C. No governmental entity by or of this state or its  
13 subdivisions, including but not limited to municipalities, agencies,  
14 localities, cities, towns, commissions, departments, school  
15 districts, boards, authorities, or public-private entities, shall  
16 spend any public funds or any public resources to:

17 1. Lobby as defined in paragraph 1 of subsection B of this  
18 section;

19 2. Hire a lobbyist as defined in paragraph 2 of subsection B of  
20 this section; or

21 3. Pay an association, entity, or organization that:

22 a. hires or contracts with lobbyists, or

23 b. pays membership dues to an organization that lobbies  
24 or hires lobbyists on behalf of their members.

1 D. In the event that a governmental entity violates the  
2 provisions of subsection C of this section, a damaged individual is  
3 entitled to appropriate injunctive relief to prevent any further  
4 activity in violation of this act.

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