

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §6b-3-10

§6B-3-10. Provisions may be adopted by local governments; disclosures by state agencies, municipalities, counties, and school districts relating to lobbying activities.

(a) An incorporated municipality may enact lobbyist regulation provisions substantially similar to the provisions of this article which may be modified to the extent necessary to make the provisions relevant to that jurisdiction and which may be further modified to the extent deemed necessary and appropriate by and for that jurisdiction.

(b) Beginning on July 1, 2022, every state agency, municipality, county, and school district in the state that contracts for lobbying services shall disclose, and when applicable provide copies of, the following information to the West Virginia Ethics Commission:

(1) Contract details, including, but not limited to, the identities of the parties to the contract, the date on which the contract becomes or became effective, any applicable extension dates, payment and reimbursement terms, and duration;

(2) A copy of the contract for lobbying services;

(3) All costs to be paid or reimbursed, or already paid or reimbursed, for lobbying services associated with or related to the contract for lobbying services, including itemized expenses such as dinners, meals, or events; and

(4) The identities of any individuals or entities engaging in activities pursuant to the contract for lobbying services that may require the individual or entity to register as a lobbyist.

(c) On July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, every state agency, municipality, county, and school district in the state that has contracted for lobbying services in the preceding year shall report to the Ethics Commission all information required by the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.