

1 SENATE BILL 314

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING POST-SESSION REPORTS ON WHAT
12 LEGISLATION A LOBBYIST OR LOBBYIST'S EMPLOYER LOBBIED; AMENDING
13 SECTION 2-11-7 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1977, CHAPTER 261, SECTION
14 7, AS AMENDED).

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act
18 is enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] LOBBYING REPORTS.--Prior to the
20 adjournment of a legislative session, each lobbyist or
21 lobbyist's employer that is required to file an expenditure
22 report pursuant to Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978 or registration
23 statement pursuant to Section 2-11-3 NMSA 1978 shall file a
24 report or reports with the secretary of state disclosing the
25 lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's lobbying activity on

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1 legislation and identifying the specific legislation lobbied,
2 the support, opposition or other position taken on the
3 legislation by the lobbyist or lobbyist's employer and the name
4 of the lobbyist's employer that lobbied on the legislation,
5 either directly or by the registered lobbyist. Each lobbyist
6 shall only be required to report the lobbyist's lobbying
7 activity on a piece of legislation one time. Covered lobbying
8 activity shall include any lobbying on the development of
9 legislation prior to its introduction in a legislative session.
10 If a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer commences lobbying on
11 legislation after the adjournment of a legislative session, a
12 lobbying report shall be filed prior to the end of the time
13 period in which the governor may act on legislation. The
14 reports shall be filed at a time and in an electronic format as
15 prescribed by rule of the secretary of state."

16 SECTION 2. Section 2-11-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,
17 Chapter 261, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "2-11-7. REGISTRATION, [~~AND~~] EXPENDITURE [~~REPORT~~] AND
19 LOBBYING REPORTS--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE
20 REPORTS.--

21 A. Each registration, [~~and~~] expenditure and
22 lobbying report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act
23 shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of state's
24 lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least ten years
25 from the date of filing as a public record, open to public

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1 inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action or
2 prosecution is pending that requires preserving the report, it
3 may be destroyed ten years after the date of filing.

4 B. Lobbyist [~~registrations and~~] registration,
5 expenditure and lobbying reports shall be kept and maintained
6 on the secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure website and
7 shall be available in searchable and downloadable formats.

8 C. With respect to the secretary of state's
9 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall be
10 easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public to
11 the extent technically practicable.

12 D. The secretary of state shall ensure that
13 contributions reported by persons pursuant to the Lobbyist
14 Regulation Act are reported in a manner that is nonduplicative
15 and as consistent as practicable with the reporting
16 requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act. To the extent
17 possible, the electronic reporting system used for registration
18 and reporting required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act shall be
19 integrated with the electronic reporting system used for
20 compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act.

21 E. Reporting individuals under the Campaign
22 Reporting Act shall receive automatic electronic notice of the
23 contributions to them reported by lobbyists and lobbyists'
24 employers within twenty-four hours of the filing of each
25 expenditure report."

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