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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/18

SPONSOR Steinborn LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Post-Session Lobbying Report SB 107

ANALYST Amacher

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 67 and SB 173

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of the State's Office (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of the Bill

Senate Bill 107 requires each lobbyist or his/her employer to file an expenditure report with the Secretary of State within one week following the conclusion of a legislative session. The report must reference the specific legislation lobbied and indicate support or opposition on behalf of the lobbyist or his/her employer. If enacted, the effective date of this bill is May 16, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State (SOS) notes the current campaign reporting system, CFIS, is not equipped to make estimated expense reports as required by this bill. The proposed legislation would require the SOS to add an additional reporting type to the lobbyist module of the existing CFIS in order to capture the required information which would result in a fiscal impact to the SOS.

The SOS has submitted an IT special appropriation request for consideration during this session to replace CFIS in order to comply with legislation passed in 2016. Should this bill pass, the additional reporting proposed could be incorporated into the development of the new CFIS if funding for the new system is approved.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If the SB 107 is enacted, the SOS notes the educational and outreach materials would be modified to assist in bringing awareness to lobbyists of the additional reporting requirements. Additionally, SOS would experience additional administrative overhead in tracking lobbyist compliance with the new reporting requirement. There may also be an increase in complaints as a result of lobbyists' failure to comply with the additional reporting requirement.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 107 relates to SB 67, Lobbyist Reporting Changes, which requires cumulative reporting of expenses incurred under \$100 and changes the reporting deadline to January 15.

SB 107 relates to SB 173, Lobbyist Reporting Requirements, the reporting requirement to include estimated lobbying expense reports of lobbyists and the lobbyists' employers; requires reports to be posted on the Secretary of State's lobbyist disclosure website; offers conforming amendments to the Lobbyist Regulation Act.

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