

SENATE, No. 2042

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits lawyers and law firms who lobby public entity from simultaneous employment or contract with that public entity.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** placing restrictions on certain individuals and business
2 entities that seek to influence legislation, regulation or
3 governmental processes, and supplementing P.L.1971, c.183
4 (C.52:13C-19 et seq.), P.L.1991, c.393 (C.18A:12-21 et seq.),
5 and P.L.1991, c.29 (40A:9-22.1 et seq.).

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
8 of New Jersey:

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10 1. No person licensed to practice law in this State who, and no
11 firm, partnership, company, or other business entity comprised
12 principally of attorneys practicing law in this State that, is seeking
13 to influence legislation, regulation or governmental processes, as
14 defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20), as a lobbyist
15 or governmental affairs agent in the Executive or Legislative
16 Branch or an agency thereof shall at the same time accept
17 employment with, be employed by, or hold a contract with the
18 Executive or Legislative Branch or an agency thereof.

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20 2. No person licensed to practice law in this State who, and no
21 firm, partnership, company, or other business entity comprised
22 principally of attorneys practicing law in this State that, is seeking
23 to influence regulation or governmental processes, as defined in
24 section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20) but as applied at the
25 school district level, as a lobbyist or governmental affairs agent in a
26 local school district or an agency thereof shall at the same time
27 accept employment with, be employed by, or hold a contract with
28 that local school district or an agency thereof.

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30 3. No person licensed to practice law in this State who, and no
31 firm, partnership, company, or other business entity comprised
32 principally of attorneys practicing law in this State that, is seeking
33 to influence legislation, regulation or governmental processes, as
34 defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20) but as
35 applied at the local government level, as a lobbyist or governmental
36 affairs agent in a local government agency or an instrumentality
37 thereof shall at the same time accept employment with, be
38 employed by, or hold a contract with that local government agency
39 or an instrumentality thereof.

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41 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 **STATEMENT**

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46 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit any person licensed to
47 practice law in this State who, and any firm, partnership, company,
48 or other business entity comprised principally of attorneys

1 practicing law in this State that, is seeking to influence legislation,
2 regulation or governmental processes in the Executive or
3 Legislative Branch, a local school district, or a local government
4 agency, from at the same time accepting employment with, being
5 employed by, or holding a contract with that same public entity.

6 The term “influence legislation, regulation or government
7 processes” used in the bill would have the same meaning as
8 provided in the “Legislative and Governmental Process Activities
9 Disclosure Act,” N.J.S.A.52:13C-19 et seq.