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Comparison of Lobbying Reform Legislation**

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Enhancing Lobbying Disclosure 2 U.S.C. 1601 (P.L.104-65)	Requires semi-annual filing of lobbying reports, which are made publicly available	Requires quarterly electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet	Requires quarterly electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet	Requires quarterly electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet	Requires quarterly electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet	Requires quarterly electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet	Requires quarterly electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet	Requires semi-annual electronic filing of lobbying reports in a public database available on the Internet
<i>Penalties for failure to comply with lobbying laws</i>	Provides penalties for failure to comply with all rules and regulations up to \$50,000	Increases penalty for failure to comply with lobbying laws up to \$100,000	Increases penalty for failure to comply with lobbying laws up to \$100,000	Increases penalty for failure to comply with lobbying laws up to \$100,000	Increases penalty for failure to comply with lobbying laws up to \$100,000 and adds a criminal penalty including possible imprisonment	Increases penalty for failure to comply with lobbying up to \$100,000 and adds a criminal penalty including possible imprisonment	Increases penalty for failure to comply with lobbying up to \$100,000 and adds a criminal penalty including possible imprisonment	Does not address this issue
<i>Disclosure of agency contacted</i>	Requires disclosure of body or agency contacted	Does not address this issue	Requires disclosure of each Member contacted through oral communication	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Requires disclosure of each Member contacted; Members to be notified of any such contacts reported by lobbyists	Does not address this issue
<i>Disclosure of lobbyists' past employment</i>	Requires lobbyists to disclose any legislative and executive employment within the last two years	Requires lobbyists to disclose all past legislative and executive employment	Requires lobbyists to disclose all past legislative and executive employment	Requires lobbyists to disclose all past legislative and executive employment	Requires lobbyists to disclose all past legislative and executive employment	Requires lobbyists to disclose past legislative and executive employment within the last seven years	Requires lobbyists to disclose all past legislative and executive employment	Does not address this issue
<i>Disclosure of lobbyists' contributions to Members</i>	Does not provide restrictions on campaign contributions or campaign	Requires annual reporting of contributions to officeholders, candidates,	Does not address this issue	Requires lobbyist to disclose on lobby reports all contributions made to any	Requires lobbyists to disclose on lobby reports all contributions they	Requires lobbyist to disclose on lobby reports all contributions made to	Requires lobbyist to disclose on lobby reports all contributions made to	Requires lobbyist to disclose on lobby reports all contributions made to benefit

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	activities by lobbyists	leadership PACs and party committees, and fundraisers held by lobbyists, but not by employers of lobbyists		entity named after, or established, financed, maintained or controlled by a Member, and fundraising events hosted	or their affiliated political committee(s) made to officeholders, candidates, leadership PACs, and party committees	officeholders, candidates, Leadership PACs, and party committees, and any entity established, financed, maintained, or controlled by a Member	officeholders, candidates, PACs, Leadership PACs, and any entity established, financed, maintained, or controlled by a Member; fundraising events hosted; and contributions to costs of meetings, conferences, events or retreats	Members, including campaign contributions, foundations and other entities controlled by Congress; fundraising events hosted; and contributions to costs of meetings, conferences, events or retreats
<i>Disclosure of efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying</i>	Requires disclosure of financial estimates of amount spent on "lobbying activities"	Requires registered lobbyists and grassroots lobbying firms to disclose paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying of Congress; does not apply to organizations' communications with their members	Requires registered lobbyists and grassroots lobbying firms to disclose paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying of Congress; does not apply to organizations' communications with their members	Requires registered lobbyists and grassroots lobbying firms to disclose paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying of Congress; does not apply to organizations' communications with their members	Requires registered lobbyists and grassroots lobbying firms to disclose paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying of Congress; does not apply to organizations' communications with their members	Does not address this issue	Requires registered lobbyists and grassroots lobbying firms to disclose paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying of Congress; does not apply to organizations' communications with their members	Requires registered lobbyists and grassroots lobbying firms to disclose paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying of Congress; does not apply to organizations' communications with their members
<i>Administration of lobbying laws</i>	Requires Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House to assist, review, verify and provide guidance for all requirements &	Authorizes Comptroller General to audit lobbyist reports on an annual basis and report on these matters	Requires Comptroller General to review activities of the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate to enforce	Requires Comptroller General to review activities of the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate to enforce	Office of Public Integrity to conduct investigations and audits to ensure compliance with the lobbying laws	Requires House Inspector General to conduct random audits of lobbyist reports; and to review the activities of the	Office of Public Integrity to conduct investigations and audits into violations of lobbying laws	Transfers authority to receive, monitor, and oversee financial disclosure and other reports filed by Members and

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	reports	to Congress	the lobbying laws and provide a semiannual report on these matters	the lobbying laws and provide a semiannual report on these matters		Clerk of the House to enforce the lobbying laws and report annually on these matters		lobbyists to the Office of Public Integrity (OPI)
<i>Ethics training for lobbyists</i>	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Requires lobbyists to complete an 8 hour ethics training course each Congress; non-compliance subject to penalty	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue
Slowing the Revolving Door 18 U.S.C. 207	Provides for a 1 year cooling off period before former Members can lobby the legislative branch; staff who make 3/4 of Members' salary may not lobby former office or committee	Increases cooling off period from 1 to 2 years for Members, and prohibits senior congressional staff from lobbying any Member or employees of their former House of Congress for 1 year	Increases cooling off period from 1 to 2 years for Members and senior congressional staff; includes lobbying activity	Increases cooling off period from 1 to 2 years for Members and senior congressional staff	Increases cooling off period from 1 to 2 years for Members and senior congressional staff	Maintains 1 year cooling off period for Members and senior congressional staff; Requires Clerk of the House to notify retiring public officials of the start-date and end-date of the cooling off period	Increases cooling off period from 1 to 2 years for Members and senior congressional staff	Increases cooling off period from 1 to 2 years for Members and senior congressional staff
<i>Members' private sector employment negotiations</i>	Does not require disclosure	Requires disclosure to the Secretary of the Senate when a Member is negotiating future private-sector employment if conflict of interest or appearance thereof may exist	Requires public disclosure when a Member or senior congressional staff is negotiating future private-sector employment if conflict of interest or appearance thereof may exist	Requires disclosure to the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate, respectively, when a Member is negotiating future private-sector employment if	Requires disclosure to the Ethics Committee when a Senator or senior congressional staff is negotiating future private-sector employment if conflict of interest or appearance	Requires disclosure to the Ethics Committee when a Member is negotiating future private-sector employment if conflict of interest or appearance thereof may exist	Requires disclosure to the Ethics Committee when a Member or senior congressional staff is negotiating future private-sector employment if conflict of interest or appearance	Does not address this issue

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				conflict of interest or appearance thereof may exist	thereof may exist		thereof may exist	
<i>Floor privileges for former Members who are lobbyists</i>	All former Members have floor privileges	Eliminates floor privileges for former Members who are lobbyists	Eliminates floor privileges for former Members who are lobbyists	Does not address this issue	Eliminates floor privileges for former Members who are lobbyists	Does not address this issue	Eliminates floor and gym privileges for former Members who are lobbyists	Does not address this issue
<i>K Street Project: Influencing hiring decisions of private entities on a partisan basis</i>	Does not prohibit K Street project	Members prohibited from influencing hiring decisions of private entities	Members prohibited from influencing hiring decisions of private entities	Does not address this issue	Members prohibited from influencing hiring decisions of private entities	Members prohibited from influencing hiring decisions of private or public entities (except Congress)	Members prohibited from influencing hiring decisions of private entities	Does not address this issue
Lobbyist Gifts 5 U.S.C. 7353	Does not allow Members to solicit or accept anything of value unless the gift is pursuant to rules or regulations established by supervising ethics office; no gift may be accepted in return for being influenced in the performance of any official act; Members and staff may accept gifts valued up to \$50; \$100 aggregate gift limit from same source in one year	Bans gifts from lobbyists to Members and staff	Bans gifts from lobbyists to Members and staff, and Members' families, including meals, tickets and reimbursements	Does not amend existing gift rules, but requires tickets to sports events or entertainment to be valued at their face value	Bans all gifts from lobbyists to Members and staff	Does not amend existing gift rules, but requires tickets to sports events or entertainment to be valued at their face value	Bans all gifts from lobbyists and NGOs that retain lobbyists to Members and staff	Bans all gifts to Members and staff, subject to existing gift rule exceptions; definition of gifts to Members expanded to include events and parties honoring Members held at national party conventions

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Privately Funded Travel	Allows Members to go on privately funded travel, but they must disclose each trip; lobbyists are not permitted to fund travel	Prior to a privately-funded trip, Senators and staff must (1) obtain written certification from trip organizer that travel and lodging was not planned, organized, requested, arranged or financed by a lobbyist, (2) provide a description of the travel to the Ethics Committee, and (3) obtain written approval from the Ethics Committee; Member must file a description of travel and post on their website within 30 days after traveling	Requires Members to obtain certification from trip organizer that privately funded travel and lodging are not planned, organized, arranged or financed at the request of a lobbyist; House Clerk and Senate Ethics Committee required to make information public	Requires Members to provide a description of all meetings, tours, events and outings attended while traveling	Permits 501(c)(3) organizations to fund travel for Senators and staff only if the 501(c)(3) is not affiliated with any group that lobbies before Congress. To take a privately financed trip, Senators and staff must obtain written certification from trip organizer that (1) no lobbyist planned, organized, requested, arranged or financed the travel and lodging, and (2) no lobbyist will participate. Senators must provide a description of meetings and events attended during such travel. Penalizes false certification of travel.	Prohibits privately-funded travel by Members unless trip organizers obtain pre-certification from Ethic Committee; Committee to report new travel recommendations	Prohibits Members and staff from accepting (1) privately funded travel from NGOs that retain lobbyists, or (2) travel that is planned, organized, requested, arranged or financed by a lobbyist. To take a privately financed trip, Members and staff must obtain written certification from trip organizer that no lobbyist will participate and provide description of meetings and events attended during such travel. Penalizes false certification of travel.	Prohibits Members and staff from: accepting privately funded travel from organizations that retain lobbyists or travel that is planned, organized, requested, arranged or financed by a lobbyist. To take a privately financed trip, Members and staff must obtain written certification from trip organizer that no lobbyist will participate and provide description of meetings and events attended during such travel
<i>Corporate jets</i>	Allows Members to take flights on corporate jets with lobbyists and reimburse corporations at	Requires Members to disclose flights on corporate jets, including destination, date	Requires Senators to pay fair market value of charter flights; must disclose information about	Requires Members to pay fair market value of charter flights; must disclose information about	Requires Senators and staff to disclose flights on corporate jets taken in	Does not amend reimbursement rates or disclosure requirements; lobbyists not	Prohibits the use of public funds to reimburse travel on corporate jets by Members and staff.	Requires Members to pay fair market value of charter flights; candidates must reimburse for

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	the price of a first class ticket	and purpose of flight, owner of the aircraft, and other people on board; such flights must be disclosed within 30 days of travel	flight for official travel; requires Members to disclose flight destination, date, purpose of flight and all other persons on board and reason commercial airline was not used within 10 days after flight; charter flights for candidates not considered contributions if reimbursed within 7 days	flight for official travel; requires Members to disclose flight destination, date, purpose of flight and all other persons on board within 10 days after flight; charter flights for candidates not considered contributions if reimbursed within 7 days	connection with official duty	allowed on corporate flights with Members; does not require disclosure of corporate travel		such flights within 7 days of flight; requires Members to disclose flight destination, date, purpose of flight and all other persons on board within 10 days after flight
<i>Lobbyist attendance on privately funded trips</i>	Permits lobbyists to attend privately funded travel	Prohibits lobbyists from attending privately funded travel	Prohibits lobbyists from attending privately funded travel	Permits lobbyists to attend privately funded travel	Prohibits lobbyists from attending privately funded travel	Permits lobbyists to attend privately funded travel	Prohibits lobbyists from attending privately funded travel	Prohibits lobbyists from attending privately funded travel
Changes in Congressional Ethics	Does not require mandatory ethics training for Members	Requires mandatory ethics training for Senators and staff	Does not require mandatory ethics training for Members or staff	Does not require mandatory ethics training for Members or staff	Requires Ethics Committee to provide mandatory annual ethics training for congressional staff; staff must complete training within 60 days after beginning service	Requires mandatory ethics training for all staff; discloses online a list of Members who have and have not attended ethics training	Requires Ethics Committee to provide mandatory annual ethics training for congressional staff; staff must complete training within 60 days after beginning service	Office of Public Integrity to develop and carry out periodic educational ethics briefings for Members and staff
<i>Enforcement of ethics rules</i>	Requires ethics rules to be enforced by the ethics committee in each chamber	Establishes Commission to Strengthen Confidence in Congress to evaluate	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Requires biennial publication of ethics manual by Ethics Committee	Does not address this issue	Office of Public Integrity to assist congressional ethics committees in overseeing and

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		effectiveness of congressional ethics requirements and make recommendations for reform; Requires annual Ethics Committee reports						enforcing ethics rules
<i>Member pensions</i>	Allows Members convicted of a crime that occurred during congressional service to keep his or her pension	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Takes away pension for Members convicted of certain crimes committed during congressional service and related to official duties	Takes away pension for Members convicted of certain crimes committed during congressional service and related to official duties	Does not address this issue
Other Key Provisions <i>Earmarks</i>	Current law does not address earmarks	Requires disclosure of sponsors of earmarks in any Senate bill, Senate amendment or conference report	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Requires disclosure of earmark sponsors in general appropriations bill and their conference; earmarks for federal entities are exempt	Requires Members to disclose earmarks to the relevant committee chairman and ranking member	Does not address this issue
<i>527s</i>	Does not address 527s	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Subjects 527s to the reporting requirements and contribution limits of federal campaign finance law, repeals the limit on party expenditures on behalf of	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue

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						candidates in general elections		
<i>Leadership PACs</i>	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Defines Leadership PAC as an unauthorized political committee which is associated with an individual holding federal office	For purposes of disclosure of lobbyist contributions, defines Leadership PAC as an unauthorized multi-candidate political committee established, financed, maintained, and controlled by a Federal officeholder or a candidate for Federal office	Requires leadership PACs to use their funds only for 1) campaign activities; 2) charitable contributions; or 3) transfers to national, state or local party committees Defines Leadership PAC as an unauthorized political committee established, maintained or controlled by a Federal officeholder or a candidate for Federal office	For purposes of disclosure of lobbyist contributions, defines Leadership PAC as an unauthorized multi-candidate political committee established, financed, maintained, and controlled by a Federal officeholder or a candidate for Federal office	Does not address this issue
<i>Procedures</i>		Requires conference reports to be made available to all Members and on the Internet 48 hours before consideration	Does not address this issue	Does not address this issue	Requires that conference committee members be afforded an opportunity to vote on conference reports; Requires conference reports to be	Does not address this issue	Ends 2-day work weeks; Limits recorded votes to 20 minutes; Requires bills be made available 24 hours before a vote, 3 days for bills with earmarks; Bills to be considered in	Does not address this issue

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					made available on the Internet 24 hours before being considered		the form they were recommended by committee; Requires all provisions on which the House and Senate disagree to be open to discussion at any conference committee meeting; Prescribes minimum requirements for political appointees holding public safety positions	