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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1973

5 By: Representative B. McKenzie  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL BODY SHALL NOT  
10 USE STATE OR LOCAL FUNDS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
11 WITH A LOBBYIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOBBYING ON BEHALF  
12 OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY.  
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### Subtitle

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18 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A LOBBYIST  
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20 THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 21-8-608. Use of state or local funds to contract with lobbyist  
27 prohibited.

28 (a) A governmental body shall not use state or local funds to enter  
29 into a contract with a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying on behalf of the  
30 governmental body.

31 (b) The prohibition under subsection (a) of this section includes  
32 without limitation the use of state or local funds by a governmental body to  
33 pay membership dues to an organization that engages in lobbying on behalf of  
34 the governmental body or similar governmental bodies, including without  
35 limitation employing one (1) or more persons registered as a lobbyist to  
36 lobby on behalf of the governmental body or similar governmental bodies, if



1 state or local funds are used to pay the membership dues.

2 (c) This section does not prohibit a governmental body from employing  
3 one (1) or more individuals to engage in lobbying on behalf of the  
4 governmental body, including without limitation one (1) or more individuals  
5 registered as lobbyists.