

## SENATE BILL No. 267

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-7.

**Synopsis:** Influence campaign reports. Requires a person who provides another person with at least \$500 in compensation to induce, support, aid, or otherwise encourage the other person to engage in an influence campaign to file a written report with the Indiana lobby registration commission. Specifies items that the report must include. Requires subsequent reporting.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-7-1-1.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2010, SECTION  
2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
3 2026]: Sec. 1.3. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),** "candidate"  
4 refers to a candidate for election to the general assembly.

5 **(b) For purposes of section 2.5 of this chapter, "candidate"**  
6 **refers to a candidate for election as a state officer (as defined in**  
7 **IC 4-2-6-1).**

8 SECTION 2. IC 2-7-1-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
9 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. **"Executive person" means any of the following:**

11 **(1) A state officer (as defined in IC 4-2-6-1).**  
12 **(2) A candidate.**  
13 **(3) An employee of the executive branch of state government.**  
14 **(4) A close relative of anyone described in subdivision (1), (2),**  
15 **or (3). However, a lobbyist under this article or IC 4-2-8 who**  
16 **is a close relative of an executive person is not considered an**  
17 **executive person.**



**(5) A paid consultant of the executive branch of state government.**

**(6) An official of an agency of the executive branch of state government.**

SECTION 3. IC 2-7-1-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5.5. "Influence campaign" means an action or effort to mobilize or encourage members of the public to take action or to contact a legislative person or an executive person. The term includes providing compensation to a person to rally, gather, demonstrate, engage, or confront a legislative person or an executive person on public property.**

SECTION 4. IC 2-7-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

## Chapter 8. Influence Campaign Reports

**Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person who provides another person with at least five hundred dollars (\$500) in compensation to induce, support, aid, or otherwise encourage the other person to engage in an influence campaign shall file a written report with the commission under section 2 of this chapter.**

**(b) A person required to file a report under subsection (a) must file the report not later than twenty-four (24) hours after providing the compensation.**

(c) For purposes of subsection (a), the amount of compensation must be calculated by determining the total amount or value of compensation provided to the person, in the aggregate, during a year.

(d) Subsection (a) does not apply if the compensation is otherwise reported to the commission under this article or to the Indiana department of administration under IC 4-2-8-3.

**Sec. 2. The report required under section 1 of this chapter must include the following:**

(1) If the person who provided the compensation is an individual, the name, address, business or occupation, and employer of the individual.

**(2) If the person who provided the compensation is not an individual, the names, addresses, and titles of the officers or controlling individuals responsible for managing the person's affairs.**

**(3) The name, address, business or occupation, and employer of all other persons who:**



(A) participated in organizing or managing the influence campaign; or

**(B) were hired to assist the influence campaign, including any public relations, consulting, or advertising firms.**

**The report must also include the terms of compensation for a person described in this subdivision.**

(4) The following information concerning each source of funding of at least twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the influence campaign:

**(A) The name and address of each person using public funds to support the influence campaign.**

**(B) The name and address of a person whose funds were used to pay for the influence campaign. For purposes of this clause, the report must include:**

(i) the amount of funds used to pay for the influence campaign; and

(ii) if the person is an individual, the individual's occupation and employer.

(5) The purpose of the influence campaign, including any specific legislation, rules, rates, standards, or other executive or legislative proposals that are the subject matter of the campaign.

**(6) The following information concerning expenditures made or incurred on behalf of the influence campaign, as of the date of the report:**

**(A) The total amount of all expenditures.**

**(B) An itemization of expenditures according to the following categories:**

**(i) Advertising.**

**(ii) Consulting.**

**(iii) Office and administrative expenses.**

**(iv) Payments made to an individual for the purpose of mobilizing the person to take action or contact a legislative person or an executive person.**

**(v) Printing and mailing expenses.**

**(C) The amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure.**  
**(D) The name and mailing address of each payee.**

(7) Other information required by the commission by rule.

Sec. 3. (a) Each person that has filed an initial report under section 1 of this chapter shall file a subsequent report with the commission not later than twenty-four (24) hours after each instance in which the person provides compensation for an



1       **influence campaign during the same calendar year in which the**  
2       **initial report was filed.**

3       **(b) A subsequent report under subsection (a) must include the**  
4       **information required under section 2 of this chapter.**

