



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 35.1: Increase Fees for Lobbyists and Lobbyist Principals

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 35.1 of S.L. 2023-134 raises the registration fees that lobbyists and lobbyist principals must pay from \$250 to \$500. This section of the act became effective July 1, 2023.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 35.1 of S.L. 2023-134 raises the registration fee from \$250 to \$500 for lobbyists and lobbyist principals.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section became effective July 1, 2023.

**BACKGROUND:** Lobbyists and lobbyist principals in the State of North Carolina must register with the Secretary of State prior to lobbying. Lobbying is defined in Chapter 120C of the General Statutes as influencing or attempting to influence legislative or executive action, or developing goodwill with the intention of influencing legislative or executive action in the future.

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