2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 354

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

ETHICS: Allows a public servant to accept admission, lodging, and transportation to and from certain events while serving as director of a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(44), relative to the acceptance of certain admission, lodging, and transportation by public servants; to provide an ethics exception to allow such acceptance related to certain events; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1123(44) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1123. Exceptions

This Part shall not preclude:

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(44)(a) The acceptance by a public servant, while serving in the capacity of director of a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association, of complimentary admission to, lodging reasonably related to, and reasonable transportation to and from a seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event held in any state of the United States or in Canada, provided that the seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event is related to the public servant's duties of serving as director of such a procurement association.

(b) Any public servant who accepts complimentary admission, lodging, or transportation pursuant to this Paragraph shall file an affidavit with the Board of

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Ethics, within sixty days after such acceptance, disclosing (i) the name of the person or organization who gave, provided, or paid in whole or in part for the admission, lodging, or transportation, (ii) the person or organization that hosted the seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event, and (iii) the amount expended on his behalf by the person or organization on admission, lodging, and transportation.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a public servant, while serving in the capacity of director for a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association, to accept specified event and travel expenses to attend certain events related to the duties of serving as director of such a procurement association.

Present law (R.S. 42:1111 and 1115 – ethics code) prohibits public servants from receiving things of economic value from certain prohibited sources or for certain duties or because of the public position held. Present law (R.S. 42:1123) provides certain specified exceptions.

Proposed law provides an exception to allow a public servant, while serving in the capacity of director for a national or regional nonprofit professional public procurement association, to accept complimentary admission to, lodging reasonably related to, and reasonable transportation to and from a seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event held in any state of the U.S. or in Canada, provided that the seminar, conference, board meeting, committee meeting, or public event related to the duties of serving as director of such a procurement association. Proposed law further requires the public servant to file an affidavit with the Board of Ethics within 60 days after such acceptance, disclosing the name of the person or organization who gave, provided, or paid in whole or in part for the admission, lodging, or transportation; the person or organization that hosted the event; and the amount expended on his behalf by the person or organization on admission, lodging, and transportation.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds 42:1123(44))

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