1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 702 (In the Senate - Filed February 7, 2019; March 1, 2019, read time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; 1-2 1-3 first March 18, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, 1-4 Nays 0; March 18, 2019, sent to printer.)

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1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Huffman	X	-		
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Birdwell	X			
1-11	Creighton	X			
1-12	Fallon	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Lucio	X			
1-15	Nelson	X			
1-16	Zaffirini	X			

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1-52 1-53 relating to the authorization and reporting of expenditures for lobbying activities by certain political subdivisions and other public entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.012. EXPENDITURES FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.

(a)

- This section applies only to a:

 (1) political subdivision that imposes a tax;
 (2) political subdivision or special district that has the authority to issue bonds, including revenue bonds;
 - (3) regional mobility authority;
 - (4)transit authority;
 - regional tollway authority; special purpose district; (5)
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 - (7) public institution of higher education;
 - (8) community college district;
 - <u>(9)</u> publicly owned utility; and
-)) river authority. political subdivision οr entity described Subsection (a) may spend money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature only if the expenditure is authorized by a majority vote of the governing body of the political subdivision or entity in an open meeting of the governing body. The expenditure must be voted on by the governing body as a stand-alone item on the agenda at the meeting.
- (c) A political subdivision or entity described by Subsection (a) shall report to the Texas Ethics Commission and publish on the political subdivision's or entity's Internet website:
- (1) the amount of money authorized under Subsection for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature;
- (2) the name of any person required to register under 1-54 Chapter 305, Government Code, retained or employed by the political subdivision or entity for the purpose described by Subdivision (1); 1-55 1-56 1-57 and
- 1-58 an electronic copy of any contract for services for the purpose described by Subdivision (1) that is entered into by 1-59 the political subdivision or entity with each person listed under 1-60 1-61 Subdivision (2).

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(d) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (c), a
political subdivision or entity described by Subsection (a) shall
report to the Texas Ethics Commission and publish on the political
subdivision's or entity's Internet website the amount of public
money spent for membership fees and dues of any nonprofit state
association or organization of similarly situated political
subdivisions or entities that directly or indirectly influences or
attempts to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before
the legislature.

(e) The Texas Ethics Commission shall make available to the public a searchable database on the commission's Internet website containing the reports submitted to the commission under Subsection (c).

- (f) If a political subdivision or entity described by Subsection (a) does not comply with the requirements of this section, an interested party is entitled to appropriate injunctive relief to prevent further activity in violation of this section. For purposes of this subsection, "interested party" means a person who:
- (1) is a taxpayer of the political subdivision or entity described by Subsection (a); or
- (2) is served by or receives services from the political subdivision or entity described by Subsection (a).

2-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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