

Amendment to SB 343

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to
2 read as 6:

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4 3 Purpose. Amend RSA 14-C:1 to read as follows:

5 14-C:1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that persons charged with carrying
6 out the duties and activities of the legislative branch of state government do so in an atmosphere
7 that supports the independent judgment of such persons and minimizes the opportunity for
8 inappropriate influence by persons or organizations ***outside the legislative branch*** subject to or
9 likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending in the legislative branch.
10 To that end, this chapter defines gifts that may not be given to, solicited by, or accepted by persons
11 subject to the provisions of the chapter and establishes requirements for the reporting of
12 honorariums, expense reimbursements, and certain other receipts. This chapter shall be liberally
13 construed to effect this purpose. ***This chapter shall not apply to gifts, honorariums, expense***
14 ***reimbursements, or any other receipt made by the general court to a legislator, legislative***
15 ***officer, or legislative employee.***

16 4 Definitions; Expense Reimbursement. Amend RSA 14-C:2, III to read as follows:

17 III. "Expense reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost
18 which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses
19 of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting,
20 seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program, or an event to which the recipient is
21 invited in his or her official capacity as a representative of the senate or the house of
22 representatives of which the recipient is a member. ***"Expense reimbursement" shall not include***
23 ***any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or***
24 ***legislative employee.***

25 5 New Subparagraph; Definitions; Gift; Exclusions. Amend RSA 14-C:2, IV(b) by inserting
26 after subparagraph (13) the following new subparagraph:

27 (14) Any gifts, honorariums, expense reimbursements, or any other receipt made by
28 the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.