

Amendment to SB 343

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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3 2 Purpose. Amend RSA 14-C:1 to read as follows:

4 14-C:1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that persons charged with carrying
5 out the duties and activities of the legislative branch of state government do so in an atmosphere
6 that supports the independent judgment of such persons and minimizes the opportunity for
7 inappropriate influence by persons or organizations ***outside the legislative branch*** subject to or
8 likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending in the legislative branch.
9 To that end, this chapter defines gifts that may not be given to, solicited by, or accepted by persons
10 subject to the provisions of the chapter and establishes requirements for the reporting of
11 honorariums, expense reimbursements, and certain other receipts. This chapter shall be liberally
12 construed to effect this purpose. ***This chapter shall not apply to gifts, honorariums, expense***
13 ***reimbursements, or any other receipt made by the general court to a legislator, legislative***
14 ***officer, or legislative employee.***

15 3 Definitions; Expense Reimbursement. Amend RSA 14-C:2, III to read as follows:

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

24 4 New Subparagraph; Definitions; Gift; Exclusions. Amend RSA 14-C:2, IV(b) by inserting
25 after subparagraph (13) the following new subparagraph:

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

28 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.