

Ethics Proposal

Prohibition

- A complete ban on lobbyist spending on individual members of the General Assembly
- A complete ban on gifts of tickets to athletic, sporting, recreational, musical concerts and other entertainment events, only exception will be for events where all members of the General Assembly are invited like Legislative Day at UGA, Georgia Tech or Georgia Southern.
- Scope of law broadened to include all elected officials
- Reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses for travel to conference and meetings is limited to transportation, lodging, registration, food and beverages only-specific exclusion of reimbursement or payment of recreational activities
- Food and beverages may be provided only to events at which all members of the General Assembly, all members of the House or Senate, all members of a standing committee or standing subcommittee of either body, or a caucus of either body

Restores Power

- Rule-making authority is to be restored to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

Better use of Resources and Powers

- Workload demands on the commission will be greatly reduced by eliminating the requirement for locally elected officials who raise less or spend less than \$2500 from filing reports with the commission. These filings account for a substantial amount of work at the commission.
- This will free up resources and enable the commission to better perform its mission. This is tantamount to a funding increase.

Clarifies the Law

- Definition of "lobbyist" is clarified and requirements for who must register as a lobbyist are expanded

Greater Transparency

- Separate bill will require greater transparency in campaign finance by requiring disclosure of all contributions of more than \$100 received between January 1 of each year and the convening of the regular session be disclosed within five business days after session convenes