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~~{Representative Craig Hall}~~Senator Curtis S. Bramble proposes the following substitute bill:

~~{FAILURE TO REPORT CONTRIBUTIONS OR PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANCE}~~GOVERNMENT ETHICS REVISIONS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

Senate Sponsor: ~~{_____}~~Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code ~~{by imposing a penalty for failure to report contributions or public service assistance within the time period required by law}~~and the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the chief election officer to provide notice to each filing entity, for which the chief election officer has a physical or email address, of the reporting and filing

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requirements described in Title 20A, Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements:

- ▶ imposes a penalty for a state office candidate, a legislative office candidate, a school board office candidate, or a judge, ~~{that}~~ who fails to report contributions or public service assistance, as applicable, within the time period required by law; ~~{and}~~
- ▶ provides for publication of information relating to a penalty described in the preceding paragraph ~~{~~

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- ▶ reduces from 30 days to three business days, under certain circumstances, the deadline by which a state office candidate, a legislative office candidate, a school board office candidate, or a judge is required to report contributions or public service assistance;
- ▶ requires that the Legislature's website include, for each legislative officeholder, a link to the financial reports maintained on the lieutenant governor's website in relation to that legislative officeholder;
- ▶ amends provisions of the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act by:
 - requiring a lobbyist to, at the beginning of making a communication to a public official that constitutes lobbying, inform the public official of the identity of the principal on whose behalf the lobbyist is lobbying; and
 - modifying penalty provisions; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

~~{ This bill provides an immediate effective date. }~~ None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-11-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 369

20A-11-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 230

20A-11-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 230

20A-11-1301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 230

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20A-12-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 396

36-11-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 389

ENACTS:

20A-11-1604, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-11-305.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 20A-11-103 is amended to read:

20A-11-103. Notice of pending interim and summary reports -- Form of submission -- Public availability -- Notice of reporting and filing requirements.

(1) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), 10 days before an interim report or summary report is due under this chapter or Chapter 12, Part 2, Judicial Retention Elections, the chief election officer shall inform the filing entity by postal mail or, if requested by the filing entity, by electronic mail:

- (i) that the financial statement is due;
- (ii) of the date that the financial statement is due; and
- (iii) of the penalty for failing to file the financial statement.

(b) The chief election officer is not required to provide notice:

- (i) to a candidate or political party of the financial statement that is due before the candidate's or political party's political convention;
- (ii) of a financial statement due in connection with a public hearing for an initiative under the requirements of Section 20A-7-204.1; or
- (iii) to a corporation or labor organization, as defined in Section 20A-11-1501.

(2) A filing entity shall electronically file a financial statement via electronic mail or the Internet according to specifications established by the chief election officer.

(3) (a) A financial statement is considered timely filed if it is received by the chief election officer's office before the close of regular office hours on the date that it is due.

(b) A chief election officer may extend the time in which a filing entity is required to file a financial statement if a filing entity notifies the chief election officer of the existence of an extenuating circumstance that is outside the control of the filing entity.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records

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Access and Management Act, the lieutenant governor shall:

(a) make each campaign finance statement filed by a candidate available for public inspection and copying no later than one business day after the statement is filed; and

(b) post an electronic copy or the contents of each financial statement in a searchable format on a website established by the lieutenant governor:

(i) for campaign finance statements submitted to the lieutenant governor under the requirements of Section 10-3-208 or Section 17-16-6.5, no later than seven business days after the date of receipt of the campaign finance statement; or

(ii) for a summary report or interim report filed under the requirements of this chapter or Chapter 12, Part 2, Judicial Retention Elections, no later than three business days after the date the summary report or interim report is electronically filed.

(5) If a municipality, under Section 10-3-208, or a county, under Section 17-16-6.5, elects to provide campaign finance disclosure on its own website, rather than through the lieutenant governor, the website established by the lieutenant governor shall contain a link or other access point to the municipality or county website.

(6) Between January 1 and January 15 of each year, the chief election officer shall provide notice, by postal mail or email, to each filing entity for which the chief election officer has a physical or email address, of the reporting and filing requirements described in this chapter.

Section ~~{1}~~2. Section **20A-11-201** is amended to read:

20A-11-201. State office candidate -- Separate bank account for campaign funds -- No personal use -- ~~{Report contributions within 30 days}~~Contribution reporting deadline -- Report other accounts.

(1) (a) Each state office candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee shall deposit each contribution and public service assistance received in one or more separate campaign accounts in a financial institution.

(b) A state office candidate or a candidate's personal campaign committee may not use money deposited in a campaign account for:

(i) a personal use expenditure; or

(ii) an expenditure prohibited by law.

(2) A state office candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee may not

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deposit or mingle any contributions received into a personal or business account.

(3) If a person who is no longer a state office candidate chooses not to expend the money remaining in a campaign account, the person shall continue to file the year-end summary report required by Section 20A-11-203 until the statement of dissolution and final summary report required by Section 20A-11-205 are filed with the lieutenant governor.

(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b) and Section 20A-11-402, a person who is no longer a state office candidate may not expend or transfer the money in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former state office candidate to recognize the money as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer a state office candidate may transfer the money in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former state office candidate to recognize the money as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is made to a campaign account for federal office.

(5) (a) As used in this Subsection (5) and Section 20A-11-204, "received" means:

(i) for a cash contribution, that the cash is given to a state office candidate or a member of the candidate's personal campaign committee;

(ii) for a contribution that is a negotiable instrument or check, that the negotiable instrument or check is negotiated; and

(iii) for any other type of contribution, that any portion of the contribution's benefit inures to the state office candidate.

(b) Each state office candidate shall report to the lieutenant governor each contribution and public service assistance ~~[to the lieutenant governor]~~ received by the state office candidate:

(i) except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(ii), within 30 days after the day on which the contribution or public service assistance is received[-]; or

(ii) within three business days after the day on which the contribution or public service assistance is received, if the contribution or public service assistance is received within:

(A) 30 days before the day of the primary election or general election; or

(B) 30 days before the day on which the state office candidate's political party's convention, for the office for which the state office candidate is running, is held.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(d), for each contribution or provision of public service assistance that a state office candidate fails to report within the time period

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described in Subsection (5)(b), the lieutenant governor shall impose a fine against the state office candidate in an amount equal to:

(i) the greater of \$50 or 15% of the amount of the contribution; or

(ii) the greater of \$50 or 15% of the value of the public service assistance.

(d) A fine described in Subsection (5)(c) may not exceed the amount of the contribution or the value of the public service assistance to which the fine relates.

(e) The lieutenant governor shall:

(i) deposit money received under Subsection (5)(c) into the General Fund; and

(ii) report on the lieutenant governor's website, in the location where reports relating to each state office candidate are available for public access:

(A) each fine imposed by the lieutenant governor against the state office candidate;

(B) the amount of the fine;

(C) the amount of the contribution to which the fine relates; and

(D) the date of the contribution.

(6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6), "account" means an account in a financial institution:

(i) that is not described in Subsection (1)(a); and

(ii) into which or from which a person who, as a candidate for an office, other than the state office for which the person files a declaration of candidacy or federal office, or as a holder of an office, other than a state office for which the person files a declaration of candidacy or federal office, deposits a contribution or makes an expenditure.

(b) A state office candidate shall include on any financial statement filed in accordance with this part:

(i) a contribution deposited in an account:

(A) since the last campaign finance statement was filed; or

(B) that has not been reported under a statute or ordinance that governs the account; or

(ii) an expenditure made from an account:

(A) since the last campaign finance statement was filed; or

(B) that has not been reported under a statute or ordinance that governs the account.

Section ~~2~~3. Section **20A-11-301** is amended to read:

20A-11-301. Legislative office candidate -- Campaign finance requirements --

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Candidate as a political action committee officer -- No personal use -- Contribution reporting deadline -- Report other accounts.

(1) (a) (i) Each legislative office candidate shall deposit each contribution and public service assistance received in one or more separate accounts in a financial institution that are dedicated only to that purpose.

(ii) A legislative office candidate may:

(A) receive a contribution or public service assistance from a political action committee registered under Section 20A-11-601; and

(B) be designated by a political action committee as an officer who has primary decision-making authority as described in Section 20A-11-601.

(b) A legislative office candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee may not use money deposited in an account described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) for:

(i) a personal use expenditure; or

(ii) an expenditure prohibited by law.

(2) A legislative office candidate may not deposit or mingle any contributions or public service assistance received into a personal or business account.

(3) If a person who is no longer a legislative candidate chooses not to expend the money remaining in a campaign account, the person shall continue to file the year-end summary report required by Section 20A-11-302 until the statement of dissolution and final summary report required by Section 20A-11-304 are filed with the lieutenant governor.

(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b) and Section 20A-11-402, a person who is no longer a legislative office candidate may not expend or transfer the money in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former legislative office candidate to recognize the money as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer a legislative office candidate may transfer the money in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former legislative office candidate to recognize the money as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is made to a campaign account for federal office.

(5) (a) As used in this Subsection (5) and Section 20A-11-303, "received" means:

(i) for a cash contribution, that the cash is given to a legislative office candidate or a member of the candidate's personal campaign committee;

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(ii) for a contribution that is a negotiable instrument or check, that the negotiable instrument or check is negotiated; and

(iii) for any other type of contribution, that any portion of the contribution's benefit inures to the legislative office candidate.

(b) Each legislative office candidate shall report to the lieutenant governor each contribution and public service assistance ~~[to the lieutenant governor]~~ received by the legislative office candidate:

(i) except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(ii), within 30 days after the day on which the contribution or public service assistance is received[-]; or

(ii) within three business days after the day on which the contribution or public service assistance is received, if the contribution or public service assistance is received within:

(A) 30 days before the day of the primary election or general election; or

(B) 30 days before the day on which the legislative office candidate's political party's convention, for the office for which the legislative office candidate is running, is held.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(d), for each contribution or provision of public service assistance that a legislative office candidate fails to report within the time period described in Subsection (5)(b), the lieutenant governor shall impose a fine against the legislative office candidate in an amount equal to:

(i) the greater of \$50 or 15% of the amount of the contribution; or

(ii) the greater of \$50 or 15% of the value of the public service assistance.

(d) A fine described in Subsection (5)(c) may not exceed the amount of the contribution or the value of the public service assistance to which the fine relates.

(e) The lieutenant governor shall:

(i) deposit money received under Subsection (5)(c) into the General Fund; and

(ii) report on the lieutenant governor's website, in the location where reports relating to each legislative office candidate are available for public access:

(A) each fine imposed by the lieutenant governor against the legislative office candidate;

(B) the amount of the fine;

(C) the amount of the contribution to which the fine relates; and

(D) the date of the contribution.

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(6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6), "account" means an account in a financial institution:

(i) that is not described in Subsection (1)(a)(i); and

(ii) into which or from which a person who, as a candidate for an office, other than a legislative office for which the person files a declaration of candidacy or federal office, or as a holder of an office, other than a legislative office for which the person files a declaration of candidacy or federal office, deposits a contribution or makes an expenditure.

(b) A legislative office candidate shall include on any financial statement filed in accordance with this part:

(i) a contribution deposited in an account:

(A) since the last campaign finance statement was filed; or

(B) that has not been reported under a statute or ordinance that governs the account; or

(ii) an expenditure made from an account:

(A) since the last campaign finance statement was filed; or

(B) that has not been reported under a statute or ordinance that governs the account.

Section ~~33~~4. Section **20A-11-1301** is amended to read:

20A-11-1301. School board office candidate -- Campaign finance requirements -- Candidate as a political action committee officer -- No personal use -- Contribution reporting deadline -- Report other accounts.

(1) (a) (i) Each school board office candidate shall deposit each contribution and public service assistance received in one or more separate accounts in a financial institution that are dedicated only to that purpose.

(ii) A school board office candidate may:

(A) receive a contribution or public service assistance from a political action committee registered under Section 20A-11-601; and

(B) be designated by a political action committee as an officer who has primary decision-making authority as described in Section 20A-11-601.

(b) A school board office candidate may not use money deposited in an account described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) for:

(i) a personal use expenditure; or

(ii) an expenditure prohibited by law.

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(2) A school board office candidate may not deposit or mingle any contributions or public service assistance received into a personal or business account.

(3) A school board office candidate may not make any political expenditures prohibited by law.

(4) If a person who is no longer a school board candidate chooses not to expend the money remaining in a campaign account, the person shall continue to file the year-end summary report required by Section 20A-11-1302 until the statement of dissolution and final summary report required by Section 20A-11-1304 are filed with:

- (a) the lieutenant governor in the case of a state school board candidate; and
- (b) the county clerk, in the case of a local school board candidate.

(5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b) and Section 20A-11-402, a person who is no longer a school board candidate may not expend or transfer the money in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former school board candidate to recognize the money as taxable income under federal tax law.

(b) A person who is no longer a school board candidate may transfer the money in a campaign account in a manner that would cause the former school board candidate to recognize the money as taxable income under federal tax law if the transfer is made to a campaign account for federal office.

(6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6) and Section 20A-11-1303, "received" means:

(i) for a cash contribution, that the cash is given to a school board office candidate or a member of the candidate's personal campaign committee;

(ii) for a contribution that is a negotiable instrument or check, that the negotiable instrument or check is negotiated; and

(iii) for any other type of contribution, that any portion of the contribution's benefit inures to the school board office candidate.

(b) Each school board office candidate shall report to the chief election officer each contribution and public service assistance received by the school board office candidate:

(i) except as provided in Subsection (6)(b)(ii), within 30 days after the day on which the contribution or public service assistance is received[-]; or

(ii) within three business days after the day on which the contribution or public service assistance is received, if the contribution or public service assistance is received within 30 days

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before the day of the general election.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(d), for each contribution or provision of public service assistance that a school board office candidate fails to report within the time period described in Subsection (6)(b), the chief election officer shall impose a fine against the school board office candidate in an amount equal to:

(i) the greater of \$50 or 15% of the amount of the contribution; or

(ii) the greater of \$50 or 15% of the value of the public service assistance.

(d) A fine described in Subsection (6)(c) may not exceed the amount of the contribution or the value of the public service assistance to which the fine relates.

(e) The chief election officer shall:

(i) deposit money received under Subsection (6)(c) into the General Fund; and

(ii) report on the chief election officer's website, in the location where reports relating to each school board office candidate are available for public access:

(A) each fine imposed by the chief election officer against the school board office candidate;

(B) the amount of the fine;

(C) the amount of the contribution to which the fine relates; and

(D) the date of the contribution.

(7) (a) As used in this Subsection (7), "account" means an account in a financial institution:

(i) that is not described in Subsection (1)(a)(i); and

(ii) into which or from which a person who, as a candidate for an office, other than a school board office for which the person files a declaration of candidacy or federal office, or as a holder of an office, other than a school board office for which the person files a declaration of candidacy or federal office, deposits a contribution or makes an expenditure.

(b) A school board office candidate shall include on any financial statement filed in accordance with this part:

(i) a contribution deposited in an account:

(A) since the last campaign finance statement was filed; or

(B) that has not been reported under a statute or ordinance that governs the account; or

(ii) an expenditure made from an account:

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(A) since the last campaign finance statement was filed; or

(B) that has not been reported under a statute or ordinance that governs the account.

Section ~~{4}5~~. Section ~~{20A-12-303 is amended to read:~~

~~}{20A-11-1604 is enacted to read:~~

20A-11-1604. Link to financial reports on Legislature's website.

The Legislature's website shall include, for each legislative officeholder, a link to the financial reports maintained on the lieutenant governor's website in relation to that legislative officeholder.

Section 6. Section 20A-12-303 is amended to read:

20A-12-303. Separate account for campaign funds -- Reporting contributions.

(1) The judge or the judge's personal campaign committee shall deposit each contribution in one or more separate personal campaign accounts in a financial institution.

(2) The judge or the judge's personal campaign committee may not deposit or mingle any contributions received into a personal or business account.

(3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3) and Section 20A-12-305, "received" means:

(i) for a cash contribution, that the cash is given to a judge or the judge's personal campaign committee;

(ii) for a contribution that is a negotiable instrument or check, that the negotiable instrument or check is negotiated; and

(iii) for any other type of contribution, that any portion of the contribution's benefit inures to the judge.

(b) The judge or the judge's personal campaign committee shall report to the lieutenant governor each contribution received by the judge:

(i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b)(ii), within 30 days after the day on which the contribution is received~~[-]; or~~

(ii) within three business days after the day on which the contribution is received, if the contribution is received within 30 days before the day of the retention election.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), for each contribution that a judge fails to report within the time period described in Subsection (3)(b), the lieutenant governor shall impose a fine against the judge in an amount equal to the greater of \$50 or 15% of the amount of the contribution.

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(d) A fine described in Subsection (3)(c) may not exceed the amount of the contribution to which the fine relates.

(e) The lieutenant governor shall:

(i) deposit money received under Subsection (3)(c) into the General Fund; and

(ii) report on the lieutenant governor's website, in the location where reports relating to each judge are available for public access:

(A) each fine imposed by the lieutenant governor against the judge;

(B) the amount of the fine;

(C) the amount of the contribution to which the fine relates; and

(D) the date of the contribution.

Section 7. Section 36-11-305.5 is enacted to read:

36-11-305.5. Lobbyist requirements.

A lobbyist shall, at the beginning of making a communication to a public official that constitutes lobbying, inform the public official of the identity of the principal on whose behalf the lobbyist is lobbying.

Section ~~{5}~~8. ~~{Effective date:~~

~~———— If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.~~

~~‡~~Section 36-11-401 is amended to read:

36-11-401. Penalties.

(1) Any person who [willfully and knowingly] intentionally violates Section 36-11-103, 36-11-201, 36-11-301, 36-11-302, 36-11-303, 36-11-304, 36-11-305, 36-11-308, or 36-11-403, is subject to the following penalties:

(a) an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation; and

(b) for each subsequent violation of that same section within 24 months, either:

(i) an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000; or

(ii) suspension of the violator's lobbying license for up to one year, if the person is a lobbyist.

(2) Any person who [willfully and knowingly] intentionally fails to file a financial

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report required by this chapter, omits material information from a license application form or financial report, or files false information on a license application form or financial report, is subject to the following penalties:

(a) an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation; or

(b) suspension of the violator's lobbying license for up to one year, if the person is a lobbyist.

(3) Any person who [~~willfully and knowingly~~] intentionally fails to file a financial report required by this chapter on the date that it is due shall, in addition to the penalties, if any, imposed under Subsection (1) or (2), pay a penalty of up to \$50 per day for each day that the report is late.

(4) (a) When a lobbyist is convicted of violating Section 76-8-103, 76-8-107, 76-8-108, or 76-8-303, the lieutenant governor shall suspend the lobbyist's license for up to five years from the date of the conviction.

(b) When a lobbyist is convicted of violating Section 76-8-104 or 76-8-304, the lieutenant governor shall suspend a lobbyist's license for up to one year from the date of conviction.

(5) (a) Any person who [~~willfully and knowingly~~] intentionally violates Section 36-11-301, 36-11-302, or 36-11-303 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(b) The lieutenant governor shall suspend the lobbyist license of any person convicted under any of these sections for up to one year.

(c) The suspension shall be in addition to any administrative penalties imposed by the lieutenant governor under this section.

(d) Any person with evidence of a possible violation of this chapter may submit that evidence to the lieutenant governor for investigation and resolution.

(6) A lobbyist who does not complete the training required by Section 36-11-307 is subject to the following penalties:

(a) an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each failure to complete the training required by Section 36-11-307; and

(b) for two or more failures to complete the training required by Section 36-11-307 within 24 months, suspension of the lobbyist's lobbying license.

(7) Nothing in this chapter creates a third-party cause of action or appeal rights.

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