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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of state employment funded by
2 certain private sources; adding new sections to chapter 42.17A RCW;
3 and creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the
6 public's interest to have knowledge of the potential influence that
7 campaign finance contributions, lobbying expenditures, and privately
8 funded state employee and contractor positions have over policy-
9 making and other state executive, administrative, and legislative
10 actions. The legislature further finds that existing public
11 disclosure laws provide sunlight on campaign finance and lobbying
12 activities, but not privately funded state employees and contractors.
13 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to shine a light on
14 any current and future state employee or contractor positions that
15 are funded by organizations or individuals other than the state of
16 Washington by requiring the public disclosure of those employees and
17 contractors, their positions, their salaries, and the sources of the
18 private funds used to pay their salaries.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Every executive state officer and every agency, except for
2 institutions of higher education, shall report to the commission the
3 following information for any employee or contractor employed or
4 contracted with such executive state officer or agency whose position
5 is funded, in whole or in part, by private sources:

6 (a) The name of the employee or contractor;

7 (b) The scope of the work performed by the employee or
8 contractor;

9 (c) The annual gross salary of the employee or contractor;

10 (d) The name of any private sources from which the funding for
11 the salary of the employee or contractor is received and the amount
12 of such funding; and

13 (e) If the private source is a nonprofit organization as defined
14 by section 501(c) of the internal revenue code, a list of the
15 nonprofit organization's top fifty donors and any donor that has
16 contributed more than fifty thousand dollars to such nonprofit
17 organization, based on donations received during the two calendar
18 years prior to the calendar year in which the information is being
19 reported, and the city, state, and zip code of each donor's residence
20 or domicile.

21 (2) The information as set forth in subsection (1) of this
22 section must be reported to the commission within thirty days of the
23 first day of work of the employee or contractor, and by January 31st
24 of each year thereafter that the employee or contractor remains
25 employed or contracted with the executive state officer or agency.

26 (3) For purposes of this section:

27 (a) "Executive state officer" has the same meaning as in RCW
28 42.17A.705;

29 (b) "Employee or contractor" means any individual employed or
30 contracted with any department or agency of state government;

31 (c) "Agency" has the same meaning as in RCW 42.17A.005; and

32 (d) "Private sources" includes grants or funds received from a
33 tax-exempt nonprofit organization as defined by section 501(c) of the
34 internal revenue code, funds received from a private business entity,
35 or funds received from an individual.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
37 RCW to read as follows:

38 The commission shall make all information reported under section
39 2 of this act available for public use or inspection and also allow

1 direct access to all such information on the commission's web site
2 that it operates under RCW 42.17A.050.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 It is a violation of this chapter for an executive state officer
6 as defined in RCW 42.17A.055 or agency as defined in RCW 42.17A.005,
7 except for institutions of higher education, to allow a private
8 source as defined in section 2 of this act to fund more than fifty
9 thousand dollars of the annual gross salary of an employee or
10 contractor employed or contracted with such executive state officer
11 or agency.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The public disclosure commission may
13 adopt, amend, or repeal rules to implement this act.

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