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**FISCAL NOTE**

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Weissman; Cutter	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House SVMA
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**Bill Topic:** LOBBYIST TRANSPARENCY ACT

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires lobbyists to provide additional disclosure statements to the Secretary of State during a regular or special session when they agree to lobby in connection with a new bill or take a new position on an existing bill for either a new or existing client. It also clarifies existing requirements concerning disclosure of the client who employs a lobbyist. The bill creates a one-time state expenditure.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a cash fund appropriation of \$38,160 to the Department of State.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1248**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditure</b>	Cash Funds	\$38,160	-
<b>Transfer</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies the definition of "client" and requires that lobbyists provide additional disclosure statements to the Secretary of State when the General Assembly is in a regular or special session. These new disclosure statements must be filed electronically within 48 hours after:

- a lobbyist agrees to lobby on new legislation for either an existing or a new client; or
- a lobbyist takes a new position on an existing bill or new legislation for either an existing client or a new client.

These disclosures must include the bill number of the legislation under consideration and whether the lobbyist's client is supporting, opposing, amending, or monitoring the legislation.

## State Expenditures

The bill creates a one-time expenditure of \$38,160 for the Department of State to update its electronic filing system for lobbyists. Currently, lobbyists provide monthly filings with the Secretary of State, which are publicly available on its website. This bill requires additional disclosures within a 48-hour time period, which will necessitate approximately 360 hours of contracted IT staff to modify the existing filing system at a rate of \$106 per hour.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect September 1, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$38,160 to the Department of State from the Department of State Cash Fund.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Secretary of State