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2 Introduced by Representatives Wright of Burlington, Browning of Arlington,
3 Komline of Dorset, Pearson of Burlington, and Poirier of Barre
4 City

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: General Assembly; lobbyists; prohibited conduct; campaign

8 contributions; political parties and legislative political committees

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit
10 political parties and legislative political committees from soliciting campaign
11 contributions from lobbyists — and to prohibit lobbyists from making
12 contributions to those parties and committees — while the General Assembly
13 is in session.

14 An act relating to prohibiting lobbyists from making campaign
15 contributions to political parties and legislative political committees while
16 the General Assembly is in session

17 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

18 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 266 is amended to read:

19 § 266. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

20 It shall be prohibited conduct:

1 (1) to employ a lobbyist or lobbying firm, or accept employment as a
2 lobbyist or lobbying firm, for compensation that is dependent on a
3 contingency;

4 (2) for a legislator or administrative official to solicit a gift, other than a
5 ~~political~~ contribution, from a registered employer or registered lobbyist or a
6 lobbying firm engaged by an employer, except that charitable contributions for
7 nonprofit organizations qualified under ~~Section 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) of the~~
8 ~~federal Internal Revenue Code~~ may be solicited from registered employers and
9 registered lobbyists or lobbying firms engaged by an employer; or

10 (3)(A) when the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is in session, until
11 adjournment sine die,;

12 (i) for a legislator, a political party, a political committee that has
13 the primary purpose of supporting or electing legislators, or an administrative
14 official to solicit a ~~political campaign~~ contribution as defined in ~~17 V.S.A.~~
15 ~~§ 2804~~ from a registered lobbyist, a registered employer, or a lobbying firm
16 engaged by an employer ~~or registered employer~~; or

17 (ii) for a registered lobbyist ~~or~~, registered employer, or a lobbying
18 firm engaged by an employer to make or promise a ~~political campaign~~
19 contribution to ~~any member of the general assembly or any member's a~~
20 legislator, a legislator's campaign committee, a political party, or a political
21 committee that has the primary purpose of supporting or electing legislators.

1 (B) As used in this section, “contribution,” “political committee,” and
2 “political party” shall have the same meaning as in 17 V.S.A. § 2901.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.