

AR

State Director, Ed Franklin

For those who are college presidents or the director of higher education , they are not required to register. I do register as a safety measure and turn in reports, but the reports mostly have to do with money spent on lobbying of which we spend none.

FL

State Director, Will Holcombe

Florida requires college employees to register as lobbyists if they are going to use work time to participate in the legislative process. Most of our colleges have registered lobbyists. Presidents, and other employees, do not have to register as lobbyists if they only appear before a legislative committee at the committee's request. As Chancellor, I am a registered lobbyist. Will

NY

State Director, Dennis Golladay

This issue has been a back-and-forth one for New York for a while, but at the present community college presidents do not have to register as lobbyists. Some of us at SUNY System do, however, and must fill out bi-monthly reports of contacts and activities with state government representatives and officials.

IA

State Director, Roger Utman

In Iowa, college employees have to register as lobbyists if they use work time to participate in the legislative process. Many of the community colleges have registered lobbyists. This last spring legislation was passed where the community colleges now have to report to the Iowa Department of Education, and then on to the legislature, what each college spends on lobbying efforts. Current law does not require college presidents to register as lobbyists, but some have.

Also, as a state employee, I have to register and I have to fill out a quarterly report. Part of the report requires disclosure of any financial contributions to elected officials.

IL

State Director, Geoff Obrzut

Illinois law is fairly extensive on the issue of lobbying. Basically Illinois statute says "any natural person who, for compensation or otherwise, undertakes to lobby, or any person or entity who employs another person for the purposes of lobbying, shall register with the Secretary of State."

The statute defines lobbying as "any communication with an official of the executive or legislative branch of State government . . . for the ultimate purpose of influencing any executive, legislative, or administrative action."

There are exemptions as to who must register including "A unit of local government or a school district. . . . An elected or appointed official or an employee of a unit of local government or school district who, in the scope of his or her public office or employment, seeks to influence executive, legislative, or administrative action exclusively on behalf of that unit of local government or school district."

Also exempted from registering as lobbyists are "Persons or entities who are employees of departments, divisions, or agencies of State government and who appear before committees of the House and Senate for the purpose of explaining how the passage of or action upon any legislation then pending before those committees will affect those departments, divisions, or agencies of State government."

You can find the complete Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act at this link:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs2.asp?ChapterID=6>

Click in the link at the bottom of the list: 25 ILCS 170/ Lobbyist Registration Act.

KY

State Director, Michael McCall

Kentucky statutes exempt college presidents from having to register as a lobbyist.

NC

State Director, Scott Ralls

In NC, our laws do not require registration as lobbyists. However, I along with CC presidents and CFOs, state and local trustees, are "covered persons" under our state ethics legislation that requires annual financial disclosures and mandatory training. Most significant negative impact of this fairly recent legislation has been loss of some trustees who have felt that financial disclosure requirements were too intrusive.

UT

State Director, Gary Wixom

In Utah there is no requirement.

VA

State Director, Glen DuBois

The only restriction in Virginia is that we cannot use state tax supported funds to hire a lobbyist for advocacy purposes in the Virginia General Assembly (we can—and do—for congressional lobbying activities in D.C.) so we use non-state funds in Virginia for lobbying purposes.

WY

State Director, Jim Rose

In Wyoming, state employees are prohibited from lobbying on behalf of their own agencies. They are permitted to lobby on issues not related to their agency, but it must be outside the normal work day, or they must use personal leave for the time taken in those activities. Our college presidents share duties in covering legislative sessions, but to my knowledge, do not register as lobbyists. The Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees has an executive director, who is a registered lobbyist.