



2017 House Rules Lobbying & Ethics Reform, Transparency, Sunshine Summaries of Selected Provisions

Member Projects

- must be filed as stand-alone bills prior to session;
- will not be included in the final budget if they are not filed before session; and
- will be funded only with non-recurring funds.

Lobbyists

- must file an electronic notice of appearance on every issue they lobby;
- conduct will be scrutinized to minimize harassment and discrimination; and
- are prohibited from lobbying any Representative via email, text message, or electronically when the House is in session or the Representative is in a committee or subcommittee.

House Members

- must disclose new employment with any public entity receiving appropriations; and
- are prohibited from
 - lobbying local governments while in office;
 - doing business with lobbyists;
 - flying on private planes owned by lobbyists; and
 - lobbying for 6 years after leaving office, beginning with the 2016-2018 freshmen.

Rule Changes negotiated by Speaker Corcoran and President Negron:

- All new projects added to the budget must be paid for with non-recurring funds.
- New projects cannot be added to the annually recurring "base budget."
 - Existing projects are grandfathered in.
- No projects can be in the final state budget that were not first included in the spending plans initially passed by the House and Senate.
- Detailed information about those requests, including the names of lobbyists asking for the money, the legislator pushing for them and information about previous state funding, must be published online.