

**HB 300 - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL           **300**

AN ACT               requiring state employees and state public officials to obtain prior permission to attend meetings and hearings of the general court.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Brewster, Merr 21

COMMITTEE:         Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires state employees and public officials of the state attending in their official capacity any legislative meeting or hearing concerning legislation before the general court to obtain prior permission from the chairperson of the committee of the general court. All such state employees and public officials shall display their employee identification badges.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                      Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Lobbyists; State Employees. Amend RSA 15:1, V(d) to read as follows:

2                    (d) Communication made by a [~~public~~] ***municipal or county*** official acting in [~~the~~  
3 ~~public official's~~] ***his or her*** official capacity.

4            2 New Paragraph; Lobbyists; State Employees and Public Officials. Amend RSA 15:2 by  
5 inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

6                    III. State employees and public officials of the state attending in their official capacity any  
7 legislative meeting or hearing, in any state building designated for such meetings or hearings,  
8 concerning any legislation pending or proposed before the general court shall obtain prior permission  
9 from the chairperson of the committee of the general court before which he or she intends to attend.

10 All state employees and public officials of the state shall display their state employee identification  
11 badges when attending any legislative meeting or hearing.

12            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.