2019 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Rebecca Kelly

FINDING(S)

1. Rebecca Kelly failed to complete the required lobbyist training.

EMPLOYER(S)

AARP

REGISTRATION(S)

Rebecca Kelly registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2019. Based on the audit documentation, Rebecca Kelly timely registered the lobbying relationship and paid all registration fees.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Rebecca Kelly was a direct employee of the employer. The employer had no employment contract with the lobbyist employee. However, per statements of the lobbyist and review of the job description, it appears the terms of employment were within the statutes for lobbying activities, including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Rebecca Kelly reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING

According to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Rebecca Kelly did not complete required lobbyist training for the 2019 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training event and then administratively entered into the system records. Based on the review of the system records, Rebecca Kelly did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2019. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Rebecca Kelly paid all training fees.