

BILL NO. BL2019-1601 (ROSENBERG) – This ordinance would amend Section 4.12.230 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws relative to contracts for government relations and lobbying services.

Currently, this section governs contracts for government relations and/or lobbying services on behalf of Metro. This requires certain reports to be submitted to the Council, including a monthly report on legislative goals when the Tennessee General Assembly is not in session, weekly legislative reports while the General Assembly is in session, and a report on the results of lobbying efforts taken on behalf of Metro and a summary of significant legislative action taken by the General Assembly within thirty days of the conclusion of a legislative session.

The Ordinance under consideration would prohibit Metro from entering into or extending a contract with an individual or entity that is also party of a contract that provides advice, counsel, or government relations or lobbying services in support of any measure that has the effect or goal of diverting public funds from the Metro Nashville Public School system. This would also require that all contracts entered into or extended for these purposes to include a clause that terminates the contract immediately if the contracted party enters into a contract to provide services in support of a measure that has the effect or goal of diverting public funds away from the Metro Nashville Public School system.

A minor amendment is anticipated from the sponsor regarding the immediacy of termination requirements.