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Pre-Kindergarten in the South

*Preserving the Region's
Comparative Advantage in Education*

Lobbyists and Lobbyist Expenditures in the South, 2008

	Lobbyists	Lobbyist Per Legislator	Lobbying Costs	Political Contributions from Lobbyists/PR Firms - 2008
Alabama	667	5	\$15,500,000	\$795,181
Arkansas	543	4	\$11,000,000	\$109,241
Florida	3,558	22	\$121,760,708	\$2,122,193
Georgia*	2,709	11	\$71,202,269	\$462,855
Kentucky	655	5	\$14,424,699	\$500
Louisiana*	909	6	\$17,113,298	\$6,000
Maryland	921	5	\$37,085,356	\$71,490
Mississippi	495	3	\$17,697,439	\$2,750
North Carolina	790	5	\$14,146,337	\$130,723
Oklahoma*	388	3	\$8,161,652	\$1,040,167
South Carolina	388	2	\$19,815,024	\$13,705
Tennessee	515	4	\$13,010,000	\$14,098
Texas	1,569	9	\$120,215,500	\$2,184,209
Virginia	836	6	\$15,367,800	529,916
West Virginia*	427	3	\$7,329,267	\$64,025
Total South	15370	6	\$503,829,349	\$7,547,053

* Estimated expenditures based on averages of the number of lobbyists and lobbyist salaries/compensation and expenses of other Southern states.

Data on number of lobbyists for North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia is for 2006. Virginia data is for 2007.

Source: The Center for Public Integrity; The Center for Responsive Politics; National Conference of State Legislatures; The National Institute on Money in State Politics