

1 SB177  
2 203843-2  
3 By Senator Gudger  
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, former public officials and public employees are prohibited from serving as a lobbyist or otherwise representing clients before the governmental body for which he or she had served or worked for a period of two years after leaving office or employment.

This bill would provide that a former public employee may resume employment with that former employer during the two-year cooling off period.

This bill would also provide that a former public employee may accept employment with another public employer and may represent the interests of that new public employer before his or her former public employer during the two-year cooling off period.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1                   Relating to ethics; to add Section 36-25-13.1 to the  
2 Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that, for a period of two  
3 years after leaving public office or employment, a former  
4 public employee may resume employment with his or her former  
5 employer, and a former public official or employee may  
6 represent a public employer before the governmental body where  
7 the official or employee formerly served or worked.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9                   Section 1. Section 36-25-13.1 is added to the Code  
10 of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

11                   §36-25-13.1.

12                   Notwithstanding Section 36-25-13, before the  
13 expiration of the two-year period, both of the following may  
14 occur:

15                   (1) A former public employee may resume employment  
16 with his or her former employer, unless otherwise restricted  
17 or prohibited by law.

18                   (2) A former public employee may accept employment  
19 with another public employer and may represent the interests  
20 of that new public employer before his or her former public  
21 employer.

22                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
23 first day of the third month following its passage and  
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.