

## ***A Holiday Poem from JLEC***

*'Tis the season for food, gifts and good cheer;  
but show caution lest law enforcement be drawn near.*

*Gifts may be taken from family and friends,  
but beware the limits or you won't meet good ends.*

*From a legislative agent, the gift max is \$75 for the year;  
if you follow JLEC guidelines you'll be in the clear.*

*A gift over \$25 triggers lobbying reporting,  
this remains true even if you are courting.*

*The lobbyist food and drink max for the year is \$75 too;  
during the holidays this still holds true.*

*So keep this in mind during the holiday party,  
and at these soirees try to eat & drink a little less hearty.*

*If the all invited exception applies that's great;  
but make sure it qualifies, don't make a mistake.*

*All legislators must be invited from both or one chamber,  
otherwise standard limits & reporting are subject to the remainder.*

*Fruit baskets and cookie trays may be dropped off to an office;  
but legislators and staff must remain cautious.*

*Don't take these home or convert to personal use,  
else these gifts may be attributable solely to you, silly goose!*

*Eating green bean casserole is an Ohio holiday tradition;  
but personal travel from a lobbyist can lead to a deposition.*

*So drive your own sleigh home for the holidays,  
or reimburse the lobbyist within seven calendar days.*

*If you marry a lobbyist, reporting & limit exceptions kick in;  
you can always accept gifts from your kin.*

*But if the meal or gift is expensed back to a lobbying source,  
all the same limits and rules apply, of course!*

*Campaign funds may be used to purchase gifts for  
staff; Just remember... don't make it a gift of cash.  
The holidays, as always, bring fun and good cheer,  
but expenditure limits are in play the whole year!*