



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4441



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN
EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF
ETHICS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) (1) For purposes of this section, "business with which the public
4 official or state employee is associated" has the same meaning as
5 "business with which he is associated", as provided in section 1-79.

6 (2) A public official, including an elected state official, or state
7 employee has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper
8 discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties or employment in
9 the public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's
10 responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, if [he] such official
11 or employee has reason to believe or expect that [he, his] any of the
12 following persons will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct
13 monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of such official's or
14 employee's official activity: The official or employee, or such official's or

15 employee's spouse, [a] dependent child [, or a business with which he is
16 associated will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary
17 loss, as the case may be, by reason of his official activity] or nonstate
18 employer or the nonstate employer of the official's or employee's
19 spouse, or a business with which the public official or state employee is
20 associated, except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

21 (3) In the case of an elected state official, such official only has a
22 substantial conflict regarding a matter concerning such elected official's
23 nonstate employer or the nonstate employer of such official's spouse or
24 a business with which the official is associated, if such official has actual
25 knowledge, rather than has reason to believe or expect, that such
26 nonstate employer or business will derive a direct monetary gain or
27 suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of such
28 official's official activity.

29 (4) A public official, including an elected state official, or state
30 employee does not have an interest which is in substantial conflict with
31 the proper discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties in the
32 public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's responsibilities
33 as prescribed by the laws of this state, if any benefit or detriment accrues
34 to [him, his] such official or employee, such official's or employee's
35 spouse, [a] dependent child [,] or nonstate employer, the nonstate
36 employer of the official's or employee's spouse or a business with which
37 [he, his spouse or such dependent child] the public official or state
38 employee is associated as a member of a profession, occupation or
39 group to no greater extent than any other member of such profession,
40 occupation or group. [A] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
41 section, a public official, including an elected state official, or state
42 employee who has a substantial conflict may not take official action on
43 the matter.

44 (b) If an elected state official has a substantial conflict regarding a
45 matter that concerns a direct monetary gain or direct monetary loss for
46 the nonstate employer of such official or the nonstate employer of such
47 official's spouse, such official shall either excuse himself or herself from

48 the matter or, prior to taking official action on the matter, prepare a
 49 written statement signed under penalty of false statement describing the
 50 matter requiring action, the nature of the conflict and explaining why,
 51 despite the conflict, such official is able to vote or otherwise participate
 52 fairly, objectively and in the public interest in such matter. Such official
 53 shall submit a copy of such statement to the Office of State Ethics and
 54 enter a copy of the statement in the journal or minutes of the state
 55 agency to which such official has been elected, or, if such agency does
 56 not have a journal or minutes, submit the copy to such agency.

57 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-86 of the general statutes is repealed
 58 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

59 (a) For purposes of this section, "business with which such public
 60 official or employee is associated" has the same meaning as "business
 61 with which he is associated", as provided in section 1-79. Any public
 62 official or state employee, other than an elected state official, who, in the
 63 discharge of such official's or employee's official duties, would be
 64 required to take an action that would affect a financial interest of such
 65 official or employee, such official's or employee's spouse, parent,
 66 brother, sister, child, [or] the spouse of a child, nonstate employer,
 67 nonstate employer of the official's or employee's spouse or a business
 68 with which such official or employee is associated, other than an interest
 69 of a de minimis nature, an interest that is not distinct from that of a
 70 substantial segment of the general public or an interest in substantial
 71 conflict with the performance of official duties, as defined in section 1-
 72 85, as amended by this act, has a potential conflict of interest. Under
 73 such circumstances, such official or employee shall, if such official or
 74 employee is a member of a state regulatory agency, either excuse himself
 75 or herself from the matter or, prior to taking official action on the matter,
 76 prepare a written statement signed under penalty of false statement
 77 describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential
 78 conflict and explaining why despite the potential conflict, such official
 79 or employee is able to vote [and] or otherwise participate fairly,
 80 objectively and in the public interest in such matter. Such public official
 81 or state employee shall [deliver] submit a copy of the statement to the

82 Office of State Ethics and enter a copy of the statement in the journal or
83 minutes of the agency or, if such agency does not have a journal or
84 minutes, submit the copy to such agency. If such official or employee is
85 not a member of a state regulatory agency, such official or employee
86 shall, in the case of either a substantial or potential conflict, prepare a
87 written statement signed under penalty of false statement describing the
88 matter requiring action and the nature of the conflict and deliver a copy
89 of the statement to such official's or employee's immediate superior, if
90 any, who shall assign the matter to another employee, or if such official
91 or employee has no immediate superior, such official or employee shall
92 take such steps as the Office of State Ethics shall prescribe or advise.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	1-85
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	1-86(a)

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GOS *Joint Favorable*