

General Assembly

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LCO No. 4414



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by: (GOS)

AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

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

- 1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-83 of the general statutes
- 2 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2025):
- 4 (a) (1) All state-wide elected officers, members of the General
- 5 Assembly, department heads and their deputies, members or directors
- 6 of each quasi-public agency, members of the Investment Advisory
- 7 Council, members of a board, commission, committee or council within
- 8 the Executive Department who have the authority to enter into or
- 9 approve a large state construction or procurement contract, as defined
- 10 <u>in section 1-101mm</u>, and such <u>other</u> members of the Executive
- 11 Department and such employees of quasi-public agencies as the
- 12 Governor shall require, shall file electronically with the Office of State
- Ethics using the software created by the office, under penalty of false
- statement, a statement of financial interests for the preceding calendar

15 year on or before the May first next in any year in which they hold such

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16 an office or position. If, in any year, May first falls on a weekend or legal 17 holiday, such statement shall be filed not later than the next business 18 day. Any such individual who leaves his or her office or position shall 19 file electronically a statement of financial interests covering that portion 20 of the year during which such individual held his or her office or 21 position. The Office of State Ethics shall notify such individuals of the 22 requirements of this subsection not later than sixty days after their 23 departure from such office or position. Such individuals shall file such 24 statement electronically not later than sixty days after receipt of the 25 notification.

(2) Each state agency, department, board and commission shall develop and implement, in cooperation with the Office of State Ethics, an ethics statement as it relates to the mission of the agency, department, board or commission. The executive head of each such agency, department, board or commission shall be directly responsible for the development and enforcement of such ethics statement and shall file a copy of such ethics statement with the Office of State Ethics.

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(b) (1) The statement of financial interests, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall include the following information for the preceding calendar year in regard to the individual required to file the statement and the individual's spouse and dependent children residing in the individual's household: (A) The names of all businesses with which associated; (B) all sources of income, including the name of each employer, with a description of the type of income received, in excess of one thousand dollars, without specifying amounts of income; (C) the name of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair market value owned by such individual, spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children; (D) the existence of any known blind trust and the names of the trustees; (E) all real property and its location, whether owned by such individual, spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children; (F) the names and addresses of creditors to whom

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the individual, the individual's spouse or dependent children, individually, owed debts of more than ten thousand dollars; (G) any leases or contracts with the state or a quasi-public agency held or entered into by the individual or a business with which he or she was associated; and (H) the name of any of the following that is a partner or owner of, or has a similar business affiliation with, the business included under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision: (i) Any lobbyist, (ii) any person the individual filing the statement knows or has reason to know is doing business with or seeking to do business with the state or is engaged in activities that are directly regulated by the department or agency in which the individual is employed, or (iii) any business with which such lobbyist or person is associated.

(2) In the case of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair market value held within (A) a retirement savings plan, as described in Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, (B) a tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan, as described in Section 403 of said Internal Revenue Code, (C) a payroll deduction individual retirement account plan, as described in Section 408 or 408A of said Internal Revenue Code, [(C)] (D) a governmental deferred compensation plan, as described in Section 457 of said Internal Revenue Code, or [(D)] (E) an education savings plan, as described in Section 529 of said Internal Revenue Code, the names of such securities shall not be required to be disclosed in any statement of financial interests and only the name of such retirement savings plan, taxsheltered annuity retirement plan, individual retirement account plan, deferred compensation plan or education savings plan holding such securities shall be required.

	ll take effect as follow	s and shall amend the following
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	1-83(a) and (b)

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