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***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE  
OF STATE ETHICS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF  
ETHICS AND INCREASING VARIOUS MONETARY THRESHOLDS IN  
SAID CODES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (d) The board shall elect a chairperson who shall, except as provided  
5 in subsection (b) of section 1-82 and subsection (b) of section 1-93,  
6 preside at meetings of the board and a vice-chairperson to preside in the  
7 absence of the chairperson. [Six] Five members of the board shall  
8 constitute a quorum. Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection  
9 (a) of section 1-81, subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-82, subsection (b)  
10 of section 1-88, subsection (e) of section 1-92, subsections (a) and (b) of  
11 section 1-93 and subsection (b) of section 1-99, a majority vote of the  
12 members shall be required for action of the board. The chairperson or  
13 any three members may call a meeting.

14       Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-83 of the general statutes  
15 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
16 *October 1, 2026*):

17       (a) (1) All state-wide elected officers, members of the General  
18 Assembly, department heads and their deputies, members or directors  
19 of each quasi-public agency, members of the Investment Advisory  
20 Council and such other members of the Executive Department and such  
21 employees of quasi-public agencies as the Governor shall require, shall  
22 file electronically with the Office of State Ethics using the software  
23 created by the office, under penalty of false statement, a statement of  
24 financial interests for the preceding calendar year on or before the May  
25 first next in any year in which they hold such an office or position. If, in  
26 any year, May first falls on a weekend or legal holiday, such statement  
27 shall be filed not later than the next business day. Any such individual  
28 who leaves his or her office or position shall file electronically a  
29 statement of financial interests covering that portion of the year during  
30 which such individual held his or her office or position. The Office of  
31 State Ethics shall notify such individuals of the requirements of this  
32 subsection not later than sixty days after their departure from such  
33 office or position. Such individuals shall file such statement  
34 electronically not later than sixty days after receipt of the notification.

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

42       (b) (1) The statement of financial interests, except as provided in  
43 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall include the following  
44 information for the preceding calendar year in regard to the individual  
45 required to file the statement and the individual's spouse and

46 dependent children residing in the individual's household: (A) The  
47 names of all businesses with which associated; (B) all sources of income,  
48 including the name of each employer, with a description of the type of  
49 income received, in excess of one thousand dollars, without specifying  
50 amounts of income; (C) the name of securities in excess of five thousand  
51 dollars at fair market value owned by such individual, spouse or  
52 dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or  
53 trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children;  
54 (D) the existence of any known blind trust and the names of the trustees;  
55 (E) all real property and its location, whether owned by such individual,  
56 spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation,  
57 partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or  
58 dependent children; (F) the names and addresses of creditors to whom  
59 the individual, the individual's spouse or dependent children,  
60 individually, owed debts of more than ten thousand dollars; (G) any  
61 leases or contracts with the state or a quasi-public agency held or  
62 entered into by the individual or a business with which he or she was  
63 associated; and (H) the name of any of the following that is a partner or  
64 owner of, or has a similar business affiliation with, the business included  
65 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision: (i) Any lobbyist, (ii) any  
66 person the individual filing the statement knows or has reason to know  
67 is doing business with or seeking to do business with the state or is  
68 engaged in activities that are directly regulated by the department or  
69 agency in which the individual is employed, or (iii) any business with  
70 which such lobbyist or person is associated.

71 (2) In the case of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair  
72 market value held within (A) a retirement savings plan, as described in  
73 Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent  
74 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended  
75 from time to time, (B) a tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan, as  
76 described in Section 403 of said Internal Revenue Code, (C) a payroll  
77 deduction individual retirement account plan, as described in Section  
78 408 or 408A of said Internal Revenue Code, [(C)] (D) a governmental

79 deferred compensation plan, as described in Section 457 of said Internal  
80 Revenue Code, or [(D)] (E) an education savings plan, as described in  
81 Section 529 of said Internal Revenue Code, the names of such securities  
82 shall not be required to be disclosed in any statement of financial  
83 interests and only the name of such retirement savings plan, tax-  
84 sheltered annuity retirement plan, individual retirement account plan,  
85 deferred compensation plan or education savings plan holding such  
86 securities shall be required.

87 Sec. 3. Section 1-84 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is  
88 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
89 *1, 2026*):

90 (a) No public official or state employee shall, while serving as such,  
91 have any financial interest in, or engage in, any business, employment,  
92 transaction or professional activity, which is in substantial conflict with  
93 the proper discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties or  
94 employment in the public interest and of [his] such official's or  
95 employee's responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, as  
96 defined in section 1-85, as amended by this act.

97 (b) No public official or state employee shall accept other  
98 employment which will either impair his independence of judgment as  
99 to [his] such official's or employee's official duties or employment or  
100 require [him, or induce him] or induce such official or employee, to  
101 disclose confidential information acquired by [him] such official or  
102 employee in the course of and by reason of [his] such official's or  
103 employee's official duties.

104 (c) No public official or state employee shall wilfully and knowingly  
105 disclose, for financial gain, to any other person, confidential information  
106 acquired by [him] such official or employee in the course of and by  
107 reason of [his] such official's or employee's official duties or  
108 employment and no public official or state employee shall use [his] such  
109 official's or employee's public office or position or any confidential

110 information received through [his] such official's or employee's holding  
111 such public office or position to obtain financial gain for [himself, his]  
112 such official or employee, such official's or employee's spouse, child,  
113 child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is  
114 associated.

115 (d) No public official or state employee or employee of such public  
116 official or state employee shall agree to accept, or be a member or  
117 employee of a partnership, association, professional corporation or sole  
118 proprietorship which partnership, association, professional corporation  
119 or sole proprietorship agrees to accept any employment, fee or other  
120 thing of value, or portion thereof, for appearing, agreeing to appear, or  
121 taking any other action on behalf of another person before the  
122 Department of Banking, the Office of the Claims Commissioner, the  
123 Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of Health Strategy, the  
124 Insurance Department, the Department of Consumer Protection, the  
125 Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Insurance and Risk  
126 Management Board, the Department of Energy and Environmental  
127 Protection, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Connecticut  
128 Siting Council or the Connecticut Real Estate Commission; provided  
129 this shall not prohibit any such person from making inquiry for  
130 information on behalf of another before any of said commissions or  
131 commissioners if no fee or reward is given or promised in consequence  
132 thereof. For the purpose of this subsection, partnerships, associations,  
133 professional corporations or sole proprietorships refer only to such  
134 partnerships, associations, professional corporations or sole  
135 proprietorships which have been formed to carry on the business or  
136 profession directly relating to the employment, appearing, agreeing to  
137 appear or taking of action provided for in this subsection. Nothing in  
138 this subsection shall prohibit any employment, appearing, agreeing to  
139 appear or taking action before any municipal board, commission or  
140 council. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying (1) to  
141 the actions of any teaching or research professional employee of a public  
142 institution of higher education if such actions are not in violation of any

143 other provision of this chapter, (2) to the actions of any other  
144 professional employee of a public institution of higher education if such  
145 actions are not compensated and are not in violation of any other  
146 provision of this chapter, (3) to any member of a board or commission  
147 who receives no compensation other than per diem payments or  
148 reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the  
149 performance of the member's duties, or (4) to any member or director of  
150 a quasi-public agency. Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
151 subsection to the contrary, a legislator, an officer of the General  
152 Assembly or part-time legislative employee may be or become a  
153 member or employee of a firm, partnership, association or professional  
154 corporation which represents clients for compensation before agencies  
155 listed in this subsection, provided the legislator, officer of the General  
156 Assembly or part-time legislative employee shall take no part in any  
157 matter involving the agency listed in this subsection and shall not  
158 receive compensation from any such matter. Receipt of a previously  
159 established salary, not based on the current or anticipated business of  
160 the firm, partnership, association or professional corporation involving  
161 the agencies listed in this subsection, shall be permitted.

162 (e) No legislative commissioner or [his] the legislative  
163 commissioner's partners, employees or associates shall represent any  
164 person subject to the provisions of part II concerning the promotion of  
165 or opposition to legislation before the General Assembly, or accept any  
166 employment which includes an agreement or understanding to  
167 influence, or which is inconsistent with, the performance of [his] the  
168 legislative commissioner's official duties.

169 (f) No person shall offer or give to a public official or state employee  
170 or candidate for public office or [his] such official's or employee's  
171 spouse, [his] parent, brother, sister or child or the spouse of such child  
172 or a business with which he is associated, anything of value, including,  
173 but not limited to, a gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise  
174 of future employment based on any understanding that the vote, official  
175 action or judgment of the public official, state employee or candidate for

176 public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

177 (g) No public official or state employee or candidate for public office  
178 shall solicit or accept anything of value, including but not limited to, a  
179 gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise of future  
180 employment based on any understanding that the vote, official action  
181 or judgment of the public official or state employee or candidate for  
182 public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

183 (h) Nothing in subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall be construed  
184 (1) to apply to any promise made in violation of subdivision (6) of  
185 section 9-622, or (2) to permit any activity otherwise prohibited in  
186 section 53a-147 or 53a-148.

187 (i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the official's  
188 or employee's immediate family or a business with which he or she is  
189 associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at [one]  
190 two hundred fifty dollars or more, unless (A) such contract is awarded  
191 through an open and public process that includes, at a minimum, (i) pre-  
192 award public disclosure of all offers to enter into such contract, and (ii)  
193 post-award public disclosure of such contract, or (B) such contract is a  
194 contract (i) of employment as a state employee, (ii) with the Technical  
195 Education and Career System for students enrolled in a school in the  
196 system to perform services in conjunction with vocational, technical,  
197 technological or postsecondary education and training any such student  
198 is receiving at a school in the system, subject to the review process under  
199 subdivision (2) of this subsection, (iii) with a public institution of higher  
200 education to support a collaboration with such institution to develop  
201 and commercialize any invention or discovery, (iv) pursuant to a court  
202 appointment, or (v) with the office of the Attorney General to be  
203 retained as an expert witness for, or in anticipation of, litigation or an  
204 administrative proceeding, provided the office of the Attorney General  
205 files with the Office of State Ethics, in a form and manner prescribed by  
206 the Office of State Ethics and not later than thirty days after the expert  
207 witness is disclosed, or required to be disclosed, to the opposing party

208 or parties, either directly or through the court of competent jurisdiction  
209 or administrative agency, or resolution of the litigation or  
210 administrative proceeding for which the expert witness was retained,  
211 whichever occurs first, a statement disclosing (I) the name of the expert  
212 witness, (II) the qualifications of the expert witness, (III) the scope of the  
213 services provided by the expert witness, (IV) the date of execution of  
214 such contract, (V) the beginning and ending dates of the term of such  
215 contract, and (VI) the value of such contract, if known by the office of  
216 the Attorney General. In no event shall an executive head of an agency,  
217 as defined in section 4-166, including a commissioner of a department,  
218 or an executive head of a quasi-public agency, or the executive head's  
219 immediate family or a business with which he is associated enter into  
220 any contract with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this  
221 subsection shall be construed as applying to any public official who is  
222 appointed as a member of the executive branch or as a member or  
223 director of a quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation  
224 other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary  
225 expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the public official's  
226 duties unless such public official has authority or control over the  
227 subject matter of the contract. Any contract made in violation of this  
228 subsection shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the  
229 suit is commenced not later than one hundred eighty days after the  
230 making of the contract. For purposes of this subdivision, "expert  
231 witness" means any individual who is qualified to provide testimony on  
232 any scientific, technical or other specialized matter by virtue of his or  
233 her knowledge, skill, experience, training or education, and is retained  
234 to provide his or her testimony on such matter, including, but not  
235 limited to, in the form of an expert opinion.

236 (2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System  
237 shall establish an open and transparent process to review any contract  
238 entered into under subparagraph (B)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this  
239 subsection.

240 (j) No public official, state employee or candidate for public office, or

241 a member of any such person's staff or immediate family shall  
242 knowingly accept any gift, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 1-79,  
243 as amended by this act, from a person known to be a registrant or  
244 anyone known to be acting on behalf of a registrant.

245 (k) No public official, spouse of the Governor or state employee shall  
246 accept a fee or honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or for  
247 participation at an event, in the public official's, spouse's or state  
248 employee's official capacity, provided a public official, Governor's  
249 spouse or state employee may receive payment or reimbursement for  
250 necessary expenses for any such activity in his or her official capacity. If  
251 a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee receives such a  
252 payment or reimbursement for lodging or out-of-state travel, or both,  
253 the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall, not later  
254 than thirty days thereafter, file a report of the payment or  
255 reimbursement with the Office of State Ethics, unless the payment or  
256 reimbursement is provided by the federal government or another state  
257 government. If a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee  
258 does not file such report within such period, either intentionally or due  
259 to gross negligence on the public official's, Governor's spouse's or state  
260 employee's part, the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee  
261 shall return the payment or reimbursement. If any failure to file such  
262 report is not intentional or due to gross negligence on the part of the  
263 public official, Governor's spouse or state employee, the public official,  
264 Governor's spouse or state employee shall not be subject to any penalty  
265 under this chapter. When a public official, Governor's spouse or state  
266 employee attends an event in this state in the public official's,  
267 Governor's spouse's or state employee's official capacity and as a  
268 principal speaker at such event and receives admission to or food or  
269 beverage at such event from the sponsor of the event, such admission or  
270 food or beverage shall not be considered a gift and no report shall be  
271 required from such public official, spouse or state employee or from the  
272 sponsor of the event.

273 (l) No public official or state employee, or any person acting on behalf

274 of a public official or state employee, shall wilfully and knowingly  
275 interfere with, influence, direct or solicit existing or new lobbying  
276 contracts, agreements or business relationships for or on behalf of any  
277 person.

278 (m) No public official or state employee shall knowingly accept,  
279 directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 1-  
280 79, as amended by this act, from any person the public official or state  
281 employee knows or has reason to know: (1) Is doing business with or  
282 seeking to do business with the department or agency in which the  
283 public official or state employee is employed; (2) is engaged in activities  
284 which are directly regulated by such department or agency; or (3) is  
285 prequalified under section 4a-100. No person shall knowingly give,  
286 directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts in violation of this provision. For  
287 the purposes of this subsection, the exclusion to the term "gift" in  
288 subparagraph (L) of subdivision (5) of section 1-79, as amended by this  
289 act, for a gift for the celebration of a major life event shall not apply. Any  
290 person prohibited from making a gift under this subsection shall report  
291 to the Office of State Ethics any solicitation of a gift from such person by  
292 a state employee or public official.

293 (n) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "investment services" means  
294 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment  
295 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or  
296 brokerage firm services, and (B) "principal of an investment services  
297 firm" means (i) an individual who is a director of or has an ownership  
298 interest in an investment services firm, except for an individual who  
299 owns less than five per cent of the shares of an investment services firm  
300 which is a publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is  
301 employed by an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or  
302 executive or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an  
303 investment services firm who has managerial or discretionary  
304 responsibilities with respect to any investment services, (iv) the spouse  
305 or dependent child of an individual described in this subparagraph, or  
306 (v) a political committee established by or on behalf of an individual

307 described in this subparagraph.

308 (2) The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation, expenses or  
309 fees or issue any contract to any firm which provides investment  
310 services when (A) a political committee, as defined in section 9-601,  
311 established by such firm, or (B) a principal of the investment services  
312 firm has made a contribution, as defined in section 9-601a, to, or solicited  
313 contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee or candidate  
314 committee, as defined in section 9-601, established by the State  
315 Treasurer as a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State  
316 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation,  
317 expenses or fees or issue any contract to such firms or principals during  
318 the term of office as State Treasurer, including, for an incumbent State  
319 Treasurer seeking reelection, any remainder of the current term of office.

320 (o) If (1) any person (A) is doing business with or seeking to do  
321 business with the department or agency in which a public official or  
322 state employee is employed, or (B) is engaged in activities which are  
323 directly regulated by such department or agency, and (2) such person or  
324 a representative of such person gives to such public official or state  
325 employee anything having a value of more than [ten] twenty dollars,  
326 such person or representative shall, not later than ten days thereafter,  
327 give such recipient and the executive head of the recipient's department  
328 or agency a written report stating the name of the donor, a description  
329 of the item or items given, the value of such items and the cumulative  
330 value of all items given to such recipient during that calendar year. The  
331 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a political contribution  
332 otherwise reported as required by law.

333 (p) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the  
334 immediate family of a public official or state employee shall knowingly  
335 accept, directly or indirectly, any gift costing one hundred dollars or  
336 more from a public official or state employee who is under the  
337 supervision of such public official or state employee.

338 (2) No public official or state employee or member of the immediate  
339 family of a public official or state employee shall knowingly accept,  
340 directly or indirectly, any gift costing one hundred dollars or more from  
341 a public official or state employee who is a supervisor of such public  
342 official or state employee.

343 (3) No public official or state employee shall knowingly give, directly  
344 or indirectly, any gift in violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of this  
345 subsection.

346 (q) No public official or state employee shall intentionally counsel,  
347 authorize or otherwise sanction action that violates any provision of this  
348 part.

349 (r) No public official or state employee shall use such official's public  
350 office or such employee's position or any confidential information  
351 received through such official holding such public office or such  
352 employee holding such position for the purpose of facilitating the  
353 employment, appointment, promotion, transfer, advancement of the  
354 official's or employee's spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or  
355 sister to a state office or position, or take any other action which furthers  
356 the financial interest of the same, except as provided in subsection (t) of  
357 this section. No public official or state employee shall supervise,  
358 manage, or participate in an action relating to the evaluation or  
359 discipline of such official's or employee's spouse, child, child's spouse,  
360 parent, brother or sister, except as provided in subsection (t) of this  
361 section.

362 ~~[(r)]~~ (s) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c)  
363 of this section, a member of the faculty or a member of a faculty  
364 bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher  
365 education may enter into a consulting agreement or engage in a research  
366 project with a public or private entity, provided such agreement or  
367 project does not conflict with the member's employment with the  
368 constituent unit, as determined by policies established by the governing

369 board for such constituent unit.

370 (2) The governing board for each constituent unit of the state system  
371 of higher education shall establish policies to ensure that any such  
372 member who enters such a consulting agreement or engages in such a  
373 research project (A) is not inappropriately using university proprietary  
374 information in connection with such agreement or project, (B) does not  
375 have an interest in such agreement or project that interferes with the  
376 proper discharge of his or her employment with the constituent unit,  
377 and (C) is not inappropriately using such member's association with the  
378 constituent unit in connection with such agreement or project. Such  
379 policies shall (i) establish procedures for the disclosure, review and  
380 management of conflicts of interest relating to any such agreement or  
381 project, (ii) require the approval by the chief academic officer of the  
382 constituent unit, or his or her designee, prior to any such member  
383 entering into any such agreement or engaging in any such project, and  
384 (iii) include procedures that impose sanctions and penalties on any  
385 member for failing to comply with the provisions of the policies.  
386 Annually, the internal audit office of each constituent unit shall audit  
387 the constituent unit's compliance with such policies and report its  
388 findings to the committee of the constituent unit established pursuant  
389 to subdivision (3) of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection,  
390 "consulting" means the provision of services for compensation to a  
391 public or private entity by a member of the faculty or member of a  
392 faculty bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher  
393 education: (I) When the request to provide such services is based on  
394 such member's expertise in a field or prominence in such field, and (II)  
395 while such member is not acting in the capacity of a state employee, and  
396 "research" means a systematic investigation, including, but not limited  
397 to, research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop  
398 or contribute to general knowledge in the applicable field of study.

399 (3) There is established a committee for each constituent unit of the  
400 state system of higher education to monitor the constituent unit's  
401 compliance with the policies and procedures described in subdivision

402 (2) of this subsection governing consulting agreements and research  
403 projects with public or private entities by a member of the faculty or a  
404 member of a faculty bargaining unit of such constituent unit. Each  
405 committee shall consist of nine members as follows: (A) Three members,  
406 appointed jointly by the Governor, the speaker of the House of  
407 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority  
408 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,  
409 the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority  
410 leader of the Senate, who shall serve as members for each such  
411 committee; (B) one member appointed by the chairperson of the  
412 constituent unit's governing board from the membership of such board;  
413 (C) the chief academic officer of the constituent unit, or his or her  
414 designee; (D) three members appointed by the chief executive officer of  
415 the constituent unit; and (E) one member appointed by the chairperson  
416 of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board from the membership of such  
417 board. Members shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancies shall  
418 be filled by the appointing authority. Each committee shall (i) review  
419 the annual reports submitted by the internal audit office for the  
420 constituent unit, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, (ii) make  
421 recommendations, annually, to the governing board of the constituent  
422 unit concerning the policies and procedures of the constituent unit  
423 established pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, including any  
424 changes to such policies and procedures, and (iii) send a copy of such  
425 recommendations, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint  
426 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
427 matters relating to higher education and government administration.

428 (4) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall apply  
429 to any member of the faculty or member of a faculty bargaining unit of  
430 a constituent unit of the state system of higher education who enters  
431 such a consulting agreement or engages in such a research project  
432 without prior approval, as described in subdivision (2) of this  
433 subsection.

434 ~~[(s)]~~ (t) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other

435 provision of this part, a state employee who is employed at a constituent  
436 unit of the state system of higher education and a member of the  
437 immediate family of such state employee may be employed in the same  
438 department or division of such constituent unit, provided the  
439 constituent unit has determined that procedures have been  
440 implemented to ensure that any final decisions impacting the financial  
441 interests of either such state employee, including decisions to hire,  
442 promote, increase the compensation of or renew the employment of  
443 such state employee, are made by another state employee who is not a  
444 member of the immediate family of such state employee.

445 Sec. 4. Section 1-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

447 (a) (1) For purposes of this section, "business with which the public  
448 official or state employee is associated" has the same meaning as  
449 "business with which he is associated", as provided in section 1-79, as  
450 amended by this act.

451 (2) A public official, including an elected state official, or state  
452 employee has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper  
453 discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties or employment in  
454 the public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's  
455 responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, if [he] such official  
456 or employee has reason to believe or expect that [he, his] any of the  
457 following persons will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct  
458 monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of such official's or  
459 employee's official activity: The official or employee, or such official's or  
460 employee's spouse, [a] dependent child, or [a business with which he is  
461 associated will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary  
462 loss, as the case may be, by reason of his official activity] nonstate  
463 employer or the nonstate employer of the official's or employee's  
464 spouse, or a business with which the public official or state employee is  
465 associated, except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

466       (3) In the case of an elected state official, such official only has a  
467 substantial conflict regarding a matter concerning such elected official's  
468 nonstate employer or the nonstate employer of such official's spouse or  
469 a business with which the official is associated, if such official has actual  
470 knowledge, rather than has reason to believe or expect, that such  
471 nonstate employer or business will derive a direct monetary gain or  
472 suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of the official  
473 activity of such official.

474       (4) A public official, including an elected state official, or state  
475 employee does not have an interest which is in substantial conflict with  
476 the proper discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties in the  
477 public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's responsibilities  
478 as prescribed by the laws of this state, if any benefit or detriment accrues  
479 to [him, his] such official or employee, such official's or employee's  
480 spouse, [a] dependent child [,] or nonstate employer, the nonstate  
481 employer of the official's or employee's spouse or a business with which  
482 [he, his spouse or such dependent child] the public official or state  
483 employee is associated as a member of a profession, occupation or  
484 group to no greater extent than any other member of such profession,  
485 occupation or group. [A] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
486 section and subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 1-86, as amended  
487 by this act, a public official, including an elected state official or state  
488 employee who has a substantial conflict may not take official action on  
489 the matter.

490       (b) If an elected state official has a substantial conflict regarding a  
491 matter that concerns a direct monetary gain or direct monetary loss for  
492 the nonstate employer of such official or the nonstate employer of such  
493 official's spouse, such official shall either excuse himself or herself from  
494 the matter or, prior to taking official action on the matter, prepare a  
495 written statement, on a form prescribed by the Office of State Ethics and  
496 signed under penalty of false statement, describing the matter requiring  
497 action, the nature of the conflict and explaining why, despite the  
498 conflict, such official is able to vote or otherwise participate fairly,

499 objectively and in the public interest in such matter. Such official shall  
500 submit a copy of such statement to the Office of State Ethics and enter a  
501 copy of the statement in the journal or minutes of the state agency to  
502 which such official has been elected, or, if such agency does not have a  
503 journal or minutes, submit the copy to such agency.

504 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 1-86 of the general statutes is repealed  
505 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

506 (a) (1) For purposes of this section, "business with which such public  
507 official or employee is associated" has the same meaning as "business  
508 with which he is associated", as provided in section 1-79, as amended by  
509 this act.

510 [(a)] (2) Any public official or state employee, other than an elected  
511 state official, who, in the discharge of such official's or employee's  
512 official duties, would be required to take an action that would affect a  
513 financial interest of such official or employee, such official's or  
514 employee's spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, [or] the spouse of a  
515 child, nonstate employer, nonstate employer of the official's or  
516 employee's spouse or a business with which such official or employee is  
517 associated, other than an interest of a de minimis nature, an interest that  
518 is not distinct from that of a substantial segment of the general public or  
519 an interest in substantial conflict with the performance of official duties,  
520 as defined in section 1-85, as amended by this act, has a potential conflict  
521 of interest.

522 [Under such circumstances, such official or employee shall, if] (3) If  
523 such official or employee is a member of a state regulatory agency, such  
524 official or employee shall either excuse himself or herself from the  
525 matter or, prior to taking official action on the matter, prepare a written  
526 statement on a form prescribed by the Office of State Ethics and signed  
527 under penalty of false statement, describing the matter requiring action  
528 and the nature of the potential conflict and explaining why despite the  
529 potential conflict, such official or employee is able to vote [and] or

530 otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest in such  
531 matter. Such public official or state employee shall [deliver] submit a  
532 copy of the statement to the Office of State Ethics and enter a copy of the  
533 statement in the journal or minutes of the agency or, if such agency does  
534 not have a journal or minutes, submit the copy to such agency.

535 (4) If such official or employee is not a member of a state regulatory  
536 agency, [such official or employee shall,] in the case of either a  
537 substantial or potential conflict [,] that would affect a financial interest  
538 of such official or employee, such official's or employee's spouse, parent,  
539 brother, sister, child or the spouse of a child or a business with which  
540 such official or employee is associated, such official or employee shall  
541 prepare a written statement signed under penalty of false statement  
542 describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the conflict and  
543 [deliver] submit a copy of the statement to such official's or employee's  
544 immediate [superior] supervisor, if any, who shall assign the matter to  
545 another employee, or if such official or employee has no immediate  
546 [superior] supervisor, such official or employee shall take such steps as  
547 the Office of State Ethics shall prescribe or advise.

548 (5) In the case of either a substantial or potential conflict that would  
549 affect a financial interest of the official's or employee's nonstate  
550 employer, or the nonstate employer of the official's or employee's  
551 spouse, such official or employee shall either (A) excuse himself or  
552 herself from the matter, or (B) prior to taking official action on the  
553 matter, prepare a written statement on a form prescribed by the Office  
554 of State Ethics and signed under penalty of false statement, describing  
555 the matter requiring action and the nature of the conflict and either (i)  
556 explaining why despite the conflict, such official or employee is able to  
557 vote or otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest  
558 in such matter, (ii) stating that the official or employee has been directed  
559 to continue work on the matter by such official's or employee's  
560 supervisor in the agency after disclosing the substantial or potential  
561 conflict to such supervisor, or (iii) both. Such official or employee shall  
562 submit a copy of the statement in the journal or minutes of the agency

563 or, if such agency does not have a journal or minutes, submit the copy  
564 to such agency.

565 Sec. 6. Section 10a-8g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
566 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
567 *October 1, 2026*):

568 Not later than January 1, 2026, the Board of Regents for Higher  
569 Education shall appoint a compliance officer. The duties of such officer  
570 shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) conducting audits on a  
571 regular basis of the records and expenditures at each constituent unit  
572 and institution of higher education governed by said board and the  
573 central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to  
574 measure, as often as deemed necessary by such officer, (A) compliance  
575 with applicable laws and regulations and policies adopted by said  
576 board, (B) reliability of financial reporting and record-keeping, (C)  
577 effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and (D) assessing the  
578 adequacy and uniformity of internal controls and compliance practices  
579 at each such institution and the central office; (2) reporting to said board  
580 on the findings of such audit and assessment and making  
581 recommendations for improvement; and (3) performing the audit  
582 required pursuant to subsection [(r)] (s) of section 1-84, as amended by  
583 this act.

584 Sec. 7. Subdivision (5) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is  
585 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
586 *1, 2026*):

587 (5) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally  
588 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in  
589 return. "Gift" does not include:

590 (A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or  
591 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of  
592 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

593 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided  
594 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any  
595 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention  
596 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

597 (C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more  
598 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

599 (D) A gift received from (i) an individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,  
600 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such  
601 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such  
602 child;

603 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-  
604 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)  
605 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state  
606 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency  
607 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"  
608 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property  
609 leased to a state agency or quasi-public agency;

610 (F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than  
611 [one] two hundred fifty dollars;

612 (G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general  
613 public;

614 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state  
615 action or functions;

616 (I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred  
617 dollars in the aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed  
618 on an occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or  
619 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or [his] such person's representative,  
620 is in attendance;

621 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred

622 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative  
623 reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and  
624 which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist  
625 or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception  
626 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also  
627 been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or  
628 is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization  
629 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees  
630 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the  
631 calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar  
632 limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by  
633 the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the  
634 reception;

635 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred  
636 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to  
637 which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state  
638 are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year  
639 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i)  
640 a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed  
641 to have also been hosted by the business organization which such  
642 lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a  
643 business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all  
644 owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists.  
645 In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-  
646 hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food  
647 and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably  
648 expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of  
649 the state" means the established geographic service area of the  
650 organization hosting the reception;

651 (L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,  
652 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,  
653 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member  
654 of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand five hundred

655 dollars in value;

656 (M) Gifts costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars in the  
657 aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a  
658 meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a  
659 person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of  
660 Connecticut;

661 (N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and  
662 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel  
663 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his  
664 or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the  
665 primary sponsoring entity;

666 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,  
667 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state  
668 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits  
669 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar  
670 circumstances;

671 (P) Anything having a value of not more than [ten] twenty dollars,  
672 provided the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a  
673 recipient under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed  
674 [fifty] one hundred dollars;

675 (Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by  
676 a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such  
677 vendor;

678 (R) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits  
679 customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a  
680 student at a public institution of higher education whose employment  
681 is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in  
682 connection with bona fide employment discussions;

683 (S) Expenses of a public official, paid by the party committee of which

684 party such official is a member, for the purpose of accomplishing the  
685 lawful purposes of the committee. As used in this subparagraph, "party  
686 committee" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of  
687 section 9-601 and "lawful purposes of the committee" has the same  
688 meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-607; or

689 (T) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits  
690 customarily provided in the course of employment, when provided to a  
691 public member of the Investment Advisory Council established under  
692 section 3-13b.

693 Sec. 8. Subdivision (6) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is  
694 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
695 *1, 2026*):

696 (6) "Expenditure" means any advance, conveyance, deposit,  
697 distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, unless expressly  
698 excluded; any payments for telephone, mailing, postage, printing and  
699 other clerical or office services and materials; any paid communications,  
700 costing [fifty] one hundred dollars or more in any calendar year,  
701 disseminated by means of any printing, broadcasting or other medium,  
702 provided such communications refer to pending administrative or  
703 legislative action; any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation;  
704 any solicitation or solicitations, costing [fifty] one hundred dollars or  
705 more in the aggregate for any calendar year, of other persons to  
706 communicate with a public official or state employee for the purpose of  
707 influencing any legislative or administrative act and any pledge,  
708 subscription of money or anything of value. "Expenditure" does not  
709 include (A) the payment of a registrant's fee pursuant to section 1-95, (B)  
710 any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership,  
711 organization, business, union, association or corporation for the  
712 purpose of publishing a newsletter or other release intended primarily  
713 for its members, shareholders or employees, whether in written or  
714 electronic form or made orally during a regularly noticed meeting, (C)  
715 any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership,

716 organization, business, union, association or corporation for the  
717 purpose of transporting its members, shareholders or employees to or  
718 from a specific site, where such members, shareholders or employees  
719 received no other compensation or reimbursement for lobbying from  
720 such club, committee, partnership, organization, business, union,  
721 association or corporation, or (D) contributions, membership dues or  
722 other fees paid to associations, nonstock corporations or tax-exempt  
723 organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
724 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United  
725 States, as amended from time to time. [amended.]

726 Sec. 9. Subdivision (7) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is  
727 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
728 *1, 2026*):

729 (7) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally  
730 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in  
731 return. "Gift" does not include:

732 (A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or  
733 a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection  
734 (b) of section 9-601a;

735 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided  
736 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any  
737 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention  
738 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

739 (C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more  
740 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

741 (D) A gift received from (i) the individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,  
742 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such  
743 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such  
744 child;

745 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-  
746 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)  
747 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state  
748 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency  
749 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"  
750 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property  
751 leased to a state or quasi-public agency;

752 (F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than  
753 ~~[one]~~ two hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars;

754 (G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general  
755 public;

756 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state  
757 action or functions;

758 (I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than ~~[fifty]~~ one hundred  
759 dollars in the aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed  
760 on an occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or  
761 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or ~~[his]~~ such person's representative,  
762 is in attendance;

763 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than ~~[fifty]~~ one hundred  
764 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative  
765 reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and  
766 which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist  
767 or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception  
768 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also  
769 been hosted by the business organization which ~~[he]~~ such lobbyist owns  
770 or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization  
771 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees  
772 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the  
773 calculation for the purposes of such ~~[fifty-dollar]~~ one-hundred-dollar  
774 limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by  
775 the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the

776 reception;

777 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred  
778 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to  
779 which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state  
780 are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year  
781 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i)  
782 a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed  
783 to have also been hosted by the business organization which [he] such  
784 lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a  
785 business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all  
786 owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists.  
787 In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-  
788 hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food  
789 and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably  
790 expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of  
791 the state" means the established geographic service area of the  
792 organization hosting the reception;

793 (L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,  
794 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,  
795 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member  
796 of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand five hundred  
797 dollars in value;

798 (M) Gifts costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars in the  
799 aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a  
800 meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a  
801 person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of  
802 Connecticut;

803 (N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and  
804 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel  
805 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his  
806 or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the

807 primary sponsoring entity;

808 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,  
809 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state  
810 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits  
811 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar  
812 circumstances;

813 (P) Anything having a value of not more than [ten] twenty dollars,  
814 provided the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a  
815 recipient under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed  
816 [fifty] one hundred dollars; or

817 (Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by  
818 a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such  
819 vendor.

820 Sec. 10. Subdivision (12) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is  
821 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
822 *1, 2026*):

823 (12) "Lobbyist" means a person who in lobbying and in furtherance  
824 of lobbying makes or agrees to make expenditures, or receives or agrees  
825 to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, and such  
826 compensation, reimbursement or expenditures are three thousand  
827 dollars or more in any calendar year or the combined amount thereof is  
828 three thousand dollars or more in any such calendar year. "Lobbyist"  
829 does not include:

830 (A) A public official, employee of a branch of state government or a  
831 subdivision thereof, including an official or employee of a quasi-public  
832 agency, or elected or appointed official of a municipality or his or her  
833 designee other than an independent contractor, who is acting within the  
834 scope of his or her authority or employment;

835 (B) A publisher, owner or an employee of the press, radio or

836 television while disseminating news or editorial comment to the general  
837 public in the ordinary course of business;

838 (C) An individual representing himself or herself or another person  
839 before the legislature or a state agency other than for the purpose of  
840 influencing legislative or administrative action;

841 (D) Any individual or employee who receives no compensation or  
842 reimbursement specifically for lobbying and who limits his activities  
843 solely to formal appearances to give testimony before public sessions of  
844 committees of the General Assembly or public hearings of state agencies  
845 and who, if he or she testifies, registers his or her appearance in the  
846 records of such committees or agencies;

847 (E) A member of an advisory board acting within the scope of his or  
848 her appointment;

849 (F) A senator or representative in Congress acting within the scope of  
850 his or her office;

851 (G) Any person who receives no compensation or reimbursement  
852 specifically for lobbying and who spends no more than five hours in  
853 furtherance of lobbying unless such person (i) exclusive of salary,  
854 receives compensation or makes expenditures, or both, of three  
855 thousand dollars or more in any calendar year for lobbying or the  
856 combined amount thereof is three thousand dollars or more in any such  
857 calendar year, or (ii) expends [fifty] one hundred dollars or more for the  
858 benefit of a public official in the legislative or executive branch, a  
859 member of his or her staff or immediate family;

860 (H) A communicator lobbyist who receives or agrees to receive  
861 compensation, reimbursement, or both, the aggregate amount of which  
862 is less than three thousand dollars from each client in any calendar year.

863 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is  
864 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

865 1, 2026):

866 (a) Each client lobbyist registrant shall file with the Office of State  
867 Ethics between the first and tenth day of April, July and January a  
868 financial report, signed under penalty of false statement. The April and  
869 July reports shall cover its lobbying activities during the previous  
870 calendar quarter and the January report shall cover its lobbying  
871 activities during the previous two calendar quarters. In addition to such  
872 reports, each client lobbyist registrant which attempts to influence  
873 legislative action shall file, under penalty of false statement, interim  
874 monthly reports of its lobbying activities for each month the General  
875 Assembly is in regular session, except that no monthly report shall be  
876 required for any month in which it neither expends nor agrees to expend  
877 [one] two hundred fifty dollars or more in furtherance of lobbying. Such  
878 interim monthly reports shall be filed with the Office of State Ethics no  
879 later than the tenth day of the month following the last day of the month  
880 reported. If the client lobbyist registrant is not an individual, an  
881 authorized officer or agent of the client lobbyist registrant shall sign the  
882 form. A communicator lobbyist for a municipality or any subdivision of  
883 a municipality shall file the reports described in this subsection utilizing  
884 the client lobbyist reporting schedule.

885 Sec. 12. Subsection (e) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is  
886 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
887 *1, 2026*):

888 (e) Each client lobbyist registrant financial report shall be on a form  
889 prescribed by the board and shall state expenditures made and the  
890 fundamental terms of contracts, agreements or promises to pay  
891 compensation or reimbursement or to make expenditures in furtherance  
892 of lobbying. Any such fundamental terms shall be reported once in the  
893 monthly, quarterly or post-termination report next following the  
894 entering into of such contract. Such financial report shall include an  
895 itemized statement of each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or more  
896 per person for each occasion made by the reporting registrant or a group

897 of registrants which includes the reporting registrant for the benefit of a  
898 public official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his  
899 staff or immediate family, itemized by date, beneficiary, amount and  
900 circumstances of the transaction. The requirement of an itemized  
901 statement shall not apply to an expenditure made by a reporting  
902 registrant or a group of registrants which includes the reporting  
903 registrant for (1) the benefit of the members of the General Assembly at  
904 an event that is a reception to which all such members are invited or all  
905 members of a region of the state, as such term is used in subparagraph  
906 (K) of subdivision (7) of section 1-91, as amended by this act, are invited,  
907 unless the expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, or (2)  
908 benefits personally and directly received by a public official or state  
909 employee at a charitable or civic event at which the public official or  
910 state employee participates in his official capacity, unless the  
911 expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, per event. If the  
912 compensation is required to be reported for an individual whose  
913 lobbying is incidental to his or her regular employment, it shall be  
914 sufficient to report a prorated amount based on the value of the time  
915 devoted to lobbying. On the first financial report following registration  
916 each client lobbyist registrant shall include any expenditures incident to  
917 lobbying activities that were received or expended prior to registration  
918 and not previously reported to the Office of State Ethics.

919 Sec. 13. Subsection (g) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is  
920 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
921 *1, 2026*):

922 (g) Each former registrant shall (1) report receipts or expenditures  
923 incident to lobbying activities during [his] such registrant's period of  
924 registration which are received or expended following termination of  
925 registration and (2) report each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or  
926 more per person for each occasion made by [him] such registrant for the  
927 benefit of a public official or a member of such official's immediate  
928 family or staff which occurs within six months after termination of  
929 registration.

930 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 1-96a of the general statutes is  
931 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
932 *1, 2026*):

933 (a) Each registrant shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills,  
934 receipts and other documents necessary to substantiate the financial  
935 reports required by section 1-96, as amended by this act, for a period of  
936 three years from the date of the filing of the report referring to such  
937 financial matters, provided this section shall apply to each expenditure  
938 for the benefit of a public official of [ten] twenty dollars or more and all  
939 other expenditures of [fifty] one hundred dollars or more.

940 Sec. 15. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
941 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

942 Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state  
943 employee [ten] twenty dollars or more for necessary expenses, as  
944 defined in section 1-79, as amended by this act, shall, within forty-five  
945 days of such payment or reimbursement, file a statement with the Office  
946 of State Ethics indicating the name of such individual and the amount  
947 of the expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-80(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-83(a) and (b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-84
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-85
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-86(a)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	10a-8g
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-79(5)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(6)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(7)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(12)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(e)

Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(g)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96a(a)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96e

***Statement of Purpose:***

To (1) amend the quorum requirements of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, (2) prohibit nepotism by public officials or state employees, (3) permit the filing of the name of certain tax-sheltered annuity retirement plans in lieu of naming specific securities within such statements, (4) apply substantial conflict of interest provisions in the state code of ethics for public officials and state employees to conflicts involving the public official's or state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's nonstate employer, and (5) increase various monetary thresholds in the state codes of ethics.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*