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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS, REDEFINING "GIFT" FOR PURPOSES OF SAID CODES 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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15 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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. Subsections (a) to (o), inclusive, of section 1-84 of the 2026  
88 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
89 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 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.

97 (b) No public official or state employee shall accept other  
98 employment which will either impair [his] such official's or employee's  
99 independence of judgment as to [his] such official's or employee's  
100 official duties or employment or require [him, or induce him] or induce  
101 such official or employee, to disclose confidential information acquired  
102 by [him] such official or employee in the course of and by reason of [his]  
103 such official's or 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 Sec. 4. Subdivision (5) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is  
334 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
335 *1, 2026*):

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

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

342 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided  
343 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any  
344 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention

345 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

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

348 (D) A gift received from (i) an individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,  
349 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such  
350 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such  
351 child;

352 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-  
353 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)  
354 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state  
355 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency  
356 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"  
357 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property  
358 leased to a state agency or quasi-public agency;

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

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

363 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state  
364 action or functions;

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

370 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred  
371 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative  
372 reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and  
373 which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist  
374 or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception

375 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also  
376 been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or  
377 is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization  
378 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees  
379 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the  
380 calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar  
381 limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by  
382 the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the  
383 reception;

384 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred  
385 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to  
386 which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state  
387 are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year  
388 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i)  
389 a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed  
390 to have also been hosted by the business organization which such  
391 lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a  
392 business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all  
393 owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists.  
394 In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-  
395 hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food  
396 and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably  
397 expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of  
398 the state" means the established geographic service area of the  
399 organization hosting the reception;

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

405 (M) Gifts costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars in the  
406 aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a  
407 meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a

408 person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of  
409 Connecticut;

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

415 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,  
416 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state  
417 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits  
418 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar  
419 circumstances;

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

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

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

432 (S) Expenses of a public official, paid by the party committee of which  
433 party such official is a member, for the purpose of accomplishing the  
434 lawful purposes of the committee. As used in this subparagraph, "party  
435 committee" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of  
436 section 9-601 and "lawful purposes of the committee" has the same  
437 meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-607; [or]

438 (T) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits  
439 customarily provided in the course of employment, when provided to a  
440 public member of the Investment Advisory Council established under  
441 section 3-13b; or

442 (U) Admission to an intercollegiate sporting event in the state hosted  
443 by a constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1, at the invitation of the  
444 constituent unit, when provided to a public official or state employee  
445 and not more than one guest of such public official or state employee  
446 not more than once per calendar year.

447 Sec. 5. Subdivision (6) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is  
448 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
449 *1, 2026*):

450 (6) "Expenditure" means any advance, conveyance, deposit,  
451 distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, unless expressly  
452 excluded; any payments for telephone, mailing, postage, printing and  
453 other clerical or office services and materials; any paid communications,  
454 costing [fifty] one hundred dollars or more in any calendar year,  
455 disseminated by means of any printing, broadcasting or other medium,  
456 provided such communications refer to pending administrative or  
457 legislative action; any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation;  
458 any solicitation or solicitations, costing [fifty] one hundred dollars or  
459 more in the aggregate for any calendar year, of other persons to  
460 communicate with a public official or state employee for the purpose of  
461 influencing any legislative or administrative act and any pledge,  
462 subscription of money or anything of value. "Expenditure" does not  
463 include (A) the payment of a registrant's fee pursuant to section 1-95, (B)  
464 any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership,  
465 organization, business, union, association or corporation for the  
466 purpose of publishing a newsletter or other release intended primarily  
467 for its members, shareholders or employees, whether in written or  
468 electronic form or made orally during a regularly noticed meeting, (C)  
469 any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership,  
470 organization, business, union, association or corporation for the

471 purpose of transporting its members, shareholders or employees to or  
472 from a specific site, where such members, shareholders or employees  
473 received no other compensation or reimbursement for lobbying from  
474 such club, committee, partnership, organization, business, union,  
475 association or corporation, or (D) contributions, membership dues or  
476 other fees paid to associations, nonstock corporations or tax-exempt  
477 organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
478 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United  
479 States, as amended from time to time. [amended.]

480 Sec. 6. Subdivision (7) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is  
481 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
482 *1, 2026*):

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

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

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

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

495 (D) A gift received from (i) the individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,  
496 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such  
497 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such  
498 child;

499 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-  
500 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)

501 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state  
502 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency  
503 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"  
504 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property  
505 leased to a state or quasi-public agency;

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

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

510 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state  
511 action or functions;

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

517 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred  
518 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative  
519 reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and  
520 which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist  
521 or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception  
522 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also  
523 been hosted by the business organization which [he] such lobbyist owns  
524 or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization  
525 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees  
526 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the  
527 calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar  
528 limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by  
529 the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the  
530 reception;

531 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred

532 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to  
533 which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state  
534 are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year  
535 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i)  
536 a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed  
537 to have also been hosted by the business organization which [he] such  
538 lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a  
539 business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all  
540 owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists.  
541 In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-  
542 hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food  
543 and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably  
544 expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of  
545 the state" means the established geographic service area of the  
546 organization hosting the reception;

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

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

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

562 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,  
563 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state

564 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits  
565 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar  
566 circumstances;

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

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

574 Sec. 7. Subdivision (12) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is  
575 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
576 *1, 2026*):

577 (12) "Lobbyist" means a person who in lobbying and in furtherance  
578 of lobbying makes or agrees to make expenditures, or receives or agrees  
579 to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, and such  
580 compensation, reimbursement or expenditures are three thousand  
581 dollars or more in any calendar year or the combined amount thereof is  
582 three thousand dollars or more in any such calendar year. "Lobbyist"  
583 does not include:

584 (A) A public official, employee of a branch of state government or a  
585 subdivision thereof, including an official or employee of a quasi-public  
586 agency, or elected or appointed official of a municipality or his or her  
587 designee other than an independent contractor, who is acting within the  
588 scope of his or her authority or employment;

589 (B) A publisher, owner or an employee of the press, radio or  
590 television while disseminating news or editorial comment to the general  
591 public in the ordinary course of business;

592 (C) An individual representing himself or herself or another person  
593 before the legislature or a state agency other than for the purpose of

594 influencing legislative or administrative action;

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

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

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

605 (G) Any person who receives no compensation or reimbursement  
606 specifically for lobbying and who spends no more than five hours in  
607 furtherance of lobbying unless such person (i) exclusive of salary,  
608 receives compensation or makes expenditures, or both, of three  
609 thousand dollars or more in any calendar year for lobbying or the  
610 combined amount thereof is three thousand dollars or more in any such  
611 calendar year, or (ii) expends [fifty] one hundred dollars or more for the  
612 benefit of a public official in the legislative or executive branch, a  
613 member of his or her staff or immediate family;

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

617 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is repealed  
618 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

619 (a) Each client lobbyist registrant shall file with the Office of State  
620 Ethics between the first and tenth day of April, July and January a  
621 financial report, signed under penalty of false statement. The April and  
622 July reports shall cover its lobbying activities during the previous  
623 calendar quarter and the January report shall cover its lobbying

624 activities during the previous two calendar quarters. In addition to such  
625 reports, each client lobbyist registrant which attempts to influence  
626 legislative action shall file, under penalty of false statement, interim  
627 monthly reports of its lobbying activities for each month the General  
628 Assembly is in regular session, except that no monthly report shall be  
629 required for any month in which it neither expends nor agrees to expend  
630 [one] two hundred fifty dollars or more in furtherance of lobbying. Such  
631 interim monthly reports shall be filed with the Office of State Ethics no  
632 later than the tenth day of the month following the last day of the month  
633 reported. If the client lobbyist registrant is not an individual, an  
634 authorized officer or agent of the client lobbyist registrant shall sign the  
635 form. A communicator lobbyist for a municipality or any subdivision of  
636 a municipality shall file the reports described in this subsection utilizing  
637 the client lobbyist reporting schedule.

638 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is repealed  
639 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

640 (e) Each client lobbyist registrant financial report shall be on a form  
641 prescribed by the board and shall state expenditures made and the  
642 fundamental terms of contracts, agreements or promises to pay  
643 compensation or reimbursement or to make expenditures in furtherance  
644 of lobbying. Any such fundamental terms shall be reported once in the  
645 monthly, quarterly or post-termination report next following the  
646 entering into of such contract. Such financial report shall include an  
647 itemized statement of each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or more  
648 per person for each occasion made by the reporting registrant or a group  
649 of registrants which includes the reporting registrant for the benefit of a  
650 public official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his  
651 staff or immediate family, itemized by date, beneficiary, amount and  
652 circumstances of the transaction. The requirement of an itemized  
653 statement shall not apply to an expenditure made by a reporting  
654 registrant or a group of registrants which includes the reporting  
655 registrant for (1) the benefit of the members of the General Assembly at  
656 an event that is a reception to which all such members are invited or all  
657 members of a region of the state, as such term is used in subparagraph

658 (K) of subdivision (7) of section 1-91, as amended by this act, are invited,  
659 unless the expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, or (2)  
660 benefits personally and directly received by a public official or state  
661 employee at a charitable or civic event at which the public official or  
662 state employee participates in his official capacity, unless the  
663 expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, per event. If the  
664 compensation is required to be reported for an individual whose  
665 lobbying is incidental to his or her regular employment, it shall be  
666 sufficient to report a prorated amount based on the value of the time  
667 devoted to lobbying. On the first financial report following registration  
668 each client lobbyist registrant shall include any expenditures incident to  
669 lobbying activities that were received or expended prior to registration  
670 and not previously reported to the Office of State Ethics.

671 Sec. 10. Subsection (g) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is  
672 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
673 *1, 2026*):

674 (g) Each former registrant shall (1) report receipts or expenditures  
675 incident to lobbying activities during [his] such registrant's period of  
676 registration which are received or expended following termination of  
677 registration and (2) report each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or  
678 more per person for each occasion made by [him] such registrant for the  
679 benefit of a public official or a member of such official's immediate  
680 family or staff which occurs within six months after termination of  
681 registration.

682 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 1-96a of the general statutes is  
683 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
684 *1, 2026*):

685 (a) Each registrant shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills,  
686 receipts and other documents necessary to substantiate the financial  
687 reports required by section 1-96, as amended by this act, for a period of  
688 three years from the date of the filing of the report referring to such  
689 financial matters, provided this section shall apply to each expenditure

690 for the benefit of a public official of [ten] twenty dollars or more and all  
691 other expenditures of [fifty] one hundred dollars or more.

692 Sec. 12. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
693 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

694 Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state  
695 employee [ten] twenty dollars or more for necessary expenses, as  
696 defined in section 1-79, as amended by this act, shall, within forty-five  
697 days of such payment or reimbursement, file a statement with the Office  
698 of State Ethics indicating the name of such individual and the amount  
699 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(a) to (o)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-79(5)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(6)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(7)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(12)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(a)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(e)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(g)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96a(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96e

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill results in no fiscal impact. The bill makes a variety of changes to existing law, including expanding the types of financial holdings that public officials must disclose and increasing reporting thresholds under certain circumstances. There is no impact, because the Office of State Ethics has the expertise to provide the oversight required by the amendment.

House "A" eliminates the original bill and its associated fiscal impact, and results in the fiscal impact described above.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5532 (as amended by House "A")\******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.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes numerous changes to the state Code of Ethics for Public Officials (see BACKGROUND). Specifically, it (1) adjusts disclosure requirements for tax-sheltered annuity retirement plans on public statements of financial interest (§ 2) and (2) raises the code's financial thresholds (for example, the dollar limit for an allowable gift). It also reduces the quorum requirement for the nine-member Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB) from six to five (§ 1).

The code places limits on gifts that may be given to and received by public officials and state employees (see below), but exempts certain items or circumstances from being a "gift" (for example, the primary sponsoring entity of a charitable or civic event providing admission, including food and beverage, to an official or employee who participates in his or her official capacity). The bill additionally exempts admission to one intercollegiate sporting event in the state hosted by a higher education constituent unit per calendar year if provided by the unit to an official or employee and up to one guest (§ 4).

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026, except that the quorum requirement change is effective upon passage.

\*House Amendment "A" (1) strikes provisions on (a) conflicts of

interest related to non-state employers and (b) nepotism and (2) adds an exemption to the code's definition of "gift" regarding certain intercollegiate sporting events.

### **STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Existing law requires all state-wide elected officers, General Assembly members, department heads and deputies, quasi-public agency members or directors, Investment Advisory Council members, and other governor-designated officials to file statements of financial interest with the Office of State Ethics (OSE).

These statements must include, among other things, the name of securities with a fair market value over \$5,000 owned by the official or his or her spouse or dependent children, or held in the name of a corporation, partnership, or trust for their benefit. Under the bill, if these securities are a tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan under federal tax law (a "403(b) plan"), then only the name of the retirement savings plan must be disclosed and not the name of the securities. Existing law makes a similar allowance for other savings plans allowed under federal tax law (for example, 401(k) retirement savings plans, 529 education savings plans).

### **FINANCIAL THRESHOLDS**

The state ethics codes generally prohibit public officials, candidates, and state employees from soliciting or accepting (and lobbyists from giving) various gifts if they are worth more than a certain amount. The codes also impose various prohibitions, requirements, and other conditions on certain items and actions if they are worth more than a certain amount.

The bill increases these financial thresholds in the ethics codes as shown in the table below. More specifically, it increases the thresholds that determine whether (1) something is a gift subject to various prohibitions under the codes and (2) other various prohibitions, requirements, and conditions apply to an item or action (for example, the minimum value of an expenditure that must be reported on client

lobbyist registrant financial reports).

**Table: Financial Thresholds Under Current Law and the Bill**

<i>Current Financial Threshold</i>	<i>Threshold Under the Bill</i>
\$10	\$20
30	60
50	100
100	250
1,000	1,500

**Gifts (§§ 4 & 6)**

The bill increases the value thresholds that determine whether something is a “gift” subject to various prohibitions under the Code of Ethics for Public Officials (§ 4) or the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists (§ 6). For example, the code for public officials generally prohibits public officials and state employees from (1) accepting a gift based on any understanding that their vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced by it; (2) knowingly accepting a gift from a known registered lobbyist; or (3) knowingly accepting a gift from someone who the official or employee knows is seeking to do business with their department or agency (CGS § 1-84(g), (j) & (m)). The code for lobbyists similarly prohibits registered lobbyists from knowingly giving a gift to a state employee or public official (CGS § 1-97(a)).

The table below shows a brief description of the covered gift and its value threshold under current law and the bill for determining whether it is exempted under the codes.

**Table: Exempted Gift Thresholds Under Current Law and the Bill**

<i>Gift</i>	<i>Current Exempted Gift Value</i>	<i>Exempted Gift Value Under the Bill</i>
Certificate, plaque, or other ceremonial award	Less than \$100	Less than \$250
Food and beverages per recipient, per year, consumed at an occasion attended by the person paying for the food and beverages	Less than \$50	Less than \$100
Food and beverages per person	Less than \$50	Less than \$100

<i>Gift</i>	<i>Current Exempted Gift Value</i>	<i>Exempted Gift Value Under the Bill</i>
consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception for all legislators, or those from a particular state region, hosted once per year by a lobbyist or business organization		
Gifts, including food and beverages, from someone who is not a family member to celebrate a major life event	\$1,000 or less	\$1,500 or less
Total gifts or food and beverages provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by someone who is not a registered lobbyist or doing business with Connecticut	Less than \$100	Less than \$250
Anything with a certain value	Less than \$10 for individual items and less than \$50 total value for all things provided by a donor to a recipient in a calendar year	Less than \$20 for individual items and less than \$100 total value for all things provided by a donor to a recipient in a calendar year

**Other Prohibitions, Requirements, and Conditions (§§ 3, 5 & 7-12)**

The bill also increases the financial thresholds that trigger various prohibitions, requirements, or other additional conditions. These include, for example, the value of a contract that a public official cannot enter into without an open and public process, or expenditure amounts that trigger certain reporting requirements. The table below shows the bill’s threshold increases and a brief description of the applicable provision.

**Table: Thresholds for Other Prohibitions, Requirements, and Conditions**

<i>Bill Section</i>	<i>Threshold Increase Under the Bill</i>	<i>Provision</i>
3	From at least \$100 to at least \$250	The value of most contracts that public officials and state employees (and members of their immediate families and associated businesses) cannot enter unless awarded through an open and public process
3	From greater than \$10 to greater than \$20	The value of anything given to a public official or state employee that must be reported if it was given by a person (1) doing business, or seeking to, with the official’s or employee’s agency or (2) engaged in

<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Threshold Increase Under the Bill</b>	<b>Provision</b>
		activities regulated by the agency
5	From at least \$50 to at least \$100	The annual cost of an "expenditure" under the code for lobbyists if it is (1) paid communications on pending administrative or legislative action or (2) solicitations of another person to communicate with public officials or state employees to influence a legislative or administrative act (by law, expenditures are subject to various reporting requirements (for example, see CGS § 1-96))
7	From less than \$50 to less than \$100	The amount that someone may spend to benefit a public official in the legislative or executive branch without being considered a lobbyist (as long as they are not paid or reimbursed specifically for lobbying and spend five hours or less lobbying)
8	From up to \$100 to up to \$250	The monthly amount that a client lobbyist registrant that attempts to influence legislative action may spend or agree to spend for lobbying without having to file an interim monthly report on its lobbying activities during regular legislative session
9	From at least \$10 to at least \$20	The value of each expenditure per person to benefit a legislative or executive branch public official that must be reported on client lobbyist registrant financial reports
9	From less than \$30 to less than \$60	The amount of expenditures per person that do not have to be reported if they (1) benefit General Assembly members at an event open to all legislators or members of a particular region or (2) are personally and directly received by a public official or state employee at a charitable or civic event where they participate in their official capacity
10	From at least \$10 to at least \$20	The amount of each expenditure to benefit a public official that a former registrant must report if it occurs within six months after the end of their registration
11	From at least \$10 to at least \$20	The value of each expenditure to benefit a public official for which registrants must keep records for three years
11	From at least \$50 to at least \$100	The value of all other expenditures for which registrants must keep records for three years
12	From at least \$10 to at least \$20	The amount a registrant paid or reimbursed to a public official or state employee that triggers a requirement to file a statement with OSE

## BACKGROUND

**“Public Officials” Under the Code of Ethics**

Under the state Code of Ethics for Public Officials, a “public official” is any:

1. state-wide elected officer or officer-elect;
2. member or member-elect of the General Assembly;
3. person appointed to an office of the state government’s legislative, judicial, or executive branch by the governor or his appointee, with or without the legislature’s advice and consent;
4. public member or representative of the teachers’ unions or state employees’ unions appointed to the Investment Advisory Council;
5. person appointed or elected by the General Assembly or by any member of either legislative chamber;
6. member or director of a quasi-public agency; or
7. spouse of the governor.

Public officials under the code do not include advisory board members, judges of any court either elected or appointed, or senators or representatives in Congress (CGS § 1-79(11)).

**Related Bill**

sSB 323 (File 349), reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee, contains substantially similar provisions concerning statements of financial interest and the CEAB quorum requirement.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/20/2026)