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***Public Act No. 07-201***

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS  
OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE  
TO STUDY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE  
ETHICS CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS.***

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study the Office of State Ethics' recommendations concerning the implementation of an ethics code for municipalities of the state. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, the holding of hearings on the Office of State Ethics' preliminary recommendations as contained in such office's October 31, 2006, report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to ethics.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

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(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to ethics shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to ethics, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2009, whichever is later.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 1-83 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) (1) The statement of financial interests, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall include the following

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information for the preceding calendar year in regard to the individual required to file the statement and the individual's spouse and dependent children residing in the individual's household: (A) The names of all businesses with which associated; (B) [the category or type of] all sources of income, including the name of each employer, with a description of each source, in excess of one thousand dollars, without specifying amounts of income; (C) the name of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair market value owned by such individual, spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children; (D) the existence of any known blind trust and the names of the trustees; (E) all real property and its location, whether owned by such individual, spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children; (F) the names and addresses of creditors to whom the individual, the individual's spouse or dependent children, individually, owed debts of more than ten thousand dollars; (G) any leases or contracts with the state held or entered into by the individual or a business with which he or she was associated; and (H) a description of any partnership, joint ownership or similar business affiliation between (i) a business included under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision with which the individual filing the statement, the individual's spouse or a dependent child of the individual is associated, and (ii) a lobbyist, a person that the individual filing the statement knows or has reason to know is doing business with or seeking to do business with the state or is engaged in activities that are directly regulated by the department or agency in which the individual is employed, or a business with which such lobbyist or person is associated.

(2) The statement of financial interests filed by state marshals shall include only amounts and sources of income earned in their capacity as state marshals.

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Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-83 of the general statutes, any person required to file a statement of financial interests on or before May 1, 2007, as described in subsection (b) of section 1-83 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall file a supplemental statement of financial interests not later than August 1, 2007, which states the name of each employer of such person. The Office of State Ethics shall prescribe the form for such supplemental statement not later than June 15, 2007, and notify each person subject to the provisions of section 1-83 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, of the requirements of this section.

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