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AN ACT CONCERNING CODES OF ETHICS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (k) "Public official" means any state-wide elected officer, any
5 member or member-elect of the General Assembly, any person
6 appointed to any office of the legislative, judicial or executive branch
7 of state government by the Governor or an appointee of the Governor,
8 with or without the advice and consent of the General Assembly, any
9 public member or representative of the teachers' unions or state
10 employees' unions appointed to the Investment Advisory Council
11 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 3-13b, any person appointed or
12 elected by the General Assembly or by any member of either house
13 thereof, [and] any member or director of a quasi-public agency and the
14 spouse of the Governor, but shall not include a member of an advisory

15 board, a judge of any court either elected or appointed or a senator or
16 representative in Congress.

17 Sec. 2. Section 1-83 of the general statutes is amended by adding
18 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

19 (NEW) (e) On or before November first, annually, each public
20 official and state employee who is not required to file an annual
21 statement of financial interests under subsection (a) of this section shall
22 file a statement disclosing (1) any outside employment of such official
23 or employee, (2) the employment of the official's or employee's spouse
24 and any dependent children residing in the household of the official or
25 employee, and (3) the names of all businesses with which such official,
26 employee, spouse and children are associated. Such statement shall be
27 filed on a form prescribed by the State Ethics Commission, under
28 penalty of false statement, with the executive head of the agency,
29 department, board or commission in which the official or employee is
30 employed.

31 Sec. 3. Section 1-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

33 (a) No public official or state employee shall, while serving as such,
34 have any financial interest in, or engage in, any business, employment,
35 transaction or professional activity, which is in substantial conflict with
36 the proper discharge of his duties or employment in the public interest
37 and of his responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, as
38 defined in section 1-85.

39 (b) No public official or state employee shall accept other
40 employment which will either impair his independence of judgment as
41 to his official duties or employment or require him, or induce him, to
42 disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of and
43 by reason of his official duties.

44 (c) No public official or state employee shall wilfully and knowingly

45 disclose, for financial gain, to any other person, confidential
46 information acquired by him in the course of and by reason of his
47 official duties or employment and no public official or state employee
48 shall use his public office or position or any confidential information
49 received through his holding such public office or position to obtain
50 financial gain for himself, his spouse, child, child's spouse, parent,
51 brother or sister or a business with which he is associated.

52 (d) No public official or state employee or employee of such public
53 official or state employee shall agree to accept, or be a member or
54 employee of a partnership, association, professional corporation or
55 sole proprietorship which partnership, association, professional
56 corporation or sole proprietorship agrees to accept any employment,
57 fee or other thing of value, or portion thereof, for appearing, agreeing
58 to appear, or taking any other action on behalf of another person
59 before [the Department of Banking, the Claims Commissioner, the
60 Office of Health Care Access, the Insurance Department, the office
61 within the Department of Consumer Protection that carries out the
62 duties and responsibilities of sections 30-2 to 30-68m, inclusive, the
63 Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Insurance and Risk
64 Management Board, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
65 Department of Public Utility Control, the Connecticut Siting Council,
66 the Division of Special Revenue within the Department of Revenue
67 Services, the Gaming Policy Board within the Department of Revenue
68 Services or the Connecticut Real Estate Commission] a state agency,
69 department, board or commission or a quasi-public agency; provided
70 this shall not prohibit any such person from making inquiry for
71 information on behalf of another before any of said commissions or
72 commissioners if no fee or reward is given or promised in consequence
73 thereof. For the purpose of this subsection, partnerships, associations,
74 professional corporations or sole proprietorships refer only to such
75 partnerships, associations, professional corporations or sole
76 proprietorships which have been formed to carry on the business or
77 profession directly relating to the employment, appearing, agreeing to
78 appear or taking of action provided for in this subsection. Nothing in

79 this subsection shall prohibit any employment, appearing, agreeing to
80 appear or taking action before any municipal board, commission or
81 council. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying (1)
82 to the actions of any teaching or research professional employee of a
83 public institution of higher education if such actions are not in
84 violation of any other provision of this chapter, (2) to the actions of any
85 other professional employee of a public institution of higher education
86 if such actions are not compensated and are not in violation of any
87 other provision of this chapter, (3) to any member of a board or
88 commission who receives no compensation other than per diem
89 payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both,
90 incurred in the performance of the member's duties, or (4) to any
91 member or director of a quasi-public agency. Notwithstanding the
92 provisions of this subsection to the contrary, a legislator, an officer of
93 the General Assembly or part-time legislative employee may be or
94 become a member or employee of a firm, partnership, association or
95 professional corporation which represents clients for compensation
96 before agencies listed in this subsection, provided the legislator, officer
97 of the General Assembly or part-time legislative employee shall take
98 no part in any matter involving the agency listed in this subsection,
99 including, but not limited to, taking part in any effort by the firm,
100 partnership, association or corporation to retain any such client for
101 such matter and communicating concerning the matter with any other
102 member or employee of such firm, partnership, association or
103 corporation, and shall not receive compensation from any such matter,
104 unless included in the regular distribution of the profits of the firm,
105 partnership, association or corporation. Receipt of a previously
106 established salary, not based on the current or anticipated business of
107 the firm, partnership, association or professional corporation involving
108 the agencies listed in this subsection, shall be permitted.

109 (e) No legislative commissioner or his partners, employees or
110 associates shall represent any person subject to the provisions of part II
111 concerning the promotion of or opposition to legislation before the
112 General Assembly, or accept any employment which includes an

113 agreement or understanding to influence, or which is inconsistent
114 with, the performance of his official duties.

115 (f) No person shall offer or give to a public official or state employee
116 or candidate for public office or his spouse, his parent, brother, sister
117 or child or spouse of such child or a business with which he is
118 associated, anything of value, including but not limited to, a gift, loan,
119 political contribution, reward or promise of future employment based
120 on any understanding that the vote, official action or judgment of the
121 public official, state employee or candidate for public office would be
122 or had been influenced thereby.

123 (g) No public official or state employee or candidate for public office
124 shall solicit or accept anything of value, including, but not limited to, a
125 gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise of future
126 employment, during the official's or employee's state service or such
127 candidacy and for one year after leaving state service or the
128 termination of such candidacy, based on any understanding that the
129 vote, official action or judgment of the public official or state employee
130 or candidate for public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

131 (h) Nothing in subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall be construed
132 (1) to apply to any promise made in violation of subdivision (6) of
133 section 9-333x, or (2) to permit any activity otherwise prohibited in
134 section 53a-147 or 53a-148.

135 (i) No public official or state employee or member of the official or
136 employee's immediate family or a business with which he is associated
137 shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at one hundred
138 dollars or more, other than a contract of employment as a state
139 employee or pursuant to a court appointment, unless the contract has
140 been awarded through an open and public process, including prior
141 public offer and subsequent public disclosure of all proposals
142 considered and the contract awarded. In no event shall an executive
143 head of an agency, as defined in section 4-166, including a
144 commissioner of a department, or an executive head of a quasi-public

145 agency, as defined in section 1-79, or the executive head's immediate
146 family or a business with which he is associated enter into any contract
147 with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this subsection
148 shall be construed as applying to any public official who is appointed
149 as a member of the executive branch or as a member or director of a
150 quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation other than per
151 diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or
152 both, incurred in the performance of the public official's duties unless
153 such public official has authority or control over the subject matter of
154 the contract. Any contract made in violation of this subsection shall be
155 voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the suit is commenced
156 within one hundred eighty days of the making of the contract.

157 (j) No public official, state employee or candidate for public office,
158 or a member of any such person's staff or immediate family shall
159 knowingly accept any gift, as defined in subsection (e) of section 1-79,
160 during the official's, employee's or staff member's state service or such
161 candidacy and for one year after leaving state service or the
162 termination of such candidacy, from a person known to be a registrant
163 or anyone known to be acting on behalf of a registrant. For the
164 purposes of this subsection, the exclusion to the term "gift" in
165 subdivision (12) of subsection (e) of section 1-79 for a gift for the
166 celebration of a major life event, and regulations adopted by the
167 commission pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 1-92 concerning
168 such events, shall not apply.

169 (k) No public official or state employee shall accept a fee or
170 honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or for participation at
171 an event, in the public official's or state employee's official capacity,
172 provided a public official or state employee may receive payment or
173 reimbursement for necessary expenses for any such activity in his
174 official capacity. If a public official or state employee receives such a
175 payment or reimbursement for lodging or out-of-state travel or both,
176 the official or employee shall, within thirty days, file a report of the
177 payment or reimbursement with the commission, unless the payment

178 or reimbursement is provided by the federal government or another
179 state government. If a public official or state employee does not file
180 such report within such period, either intentionally or due to gross
181 negligence on the public official's or state employee's part, the public
182 official or state employee shall return the payment or reimbursement.
183 If any failure to file such report is not intentional or due to gross
184 negligence on the part of the public official or state employee, the
185 public official or state employee shall not be subject to any penalty
186 under this chapter. When a public official or state employee attends an
187 event in this state in the public official's or state employee's official
188 capacity and as a principal speaker at such event and receives
189 admission to or food or beverage at such event from the sponsor of the
190 event, such admission or food or beverage shall not be considered a
191 gift and no report shall be required from such official or employee or
192 from the sponsor of the event.

193 (l) No public official or state employee, or any person acting on
194 behalf of a public official or state employee, shall wilfully and
195 knowingly interfere with, influence, direct or solicit existing or new
196 lobbying contracts, agreements or business relationships for or on
197 behalf of any person.

198 (m) No public official or state employee, or member of the
199 immediate family of such official or employee, shall knowingly accept,
200 directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in subsection (e) of section 1-
201 79, during the official's or employee's state service and for one year
202 after leaving state service, from any person the official or employee
203 knows or has reason to know: (1) Is doing business with or seeking to
204 do business with the department or agency in which the official or
205 employee is employed; (2) is engaged in activities which are directly
206 regulated by such department or agency; or (3) is prequalified under
207 section 4a-100. No person shall knowingly give, directly or indirectly,
208 any gift or gifts in violation of this provision. For the purposes of this
209 subsection, the exclusion to the term "gift" in subdivision (12) of
210 subsection (e) of section 1-79 for a gift for the celebration of a major life

211 event, and regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to
212 subdivision (1) of section 1-92 concerning such events, shall not apply.

213 (n) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "investment services" means
214 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment
215 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or
216 brokerage firm services, and (B) "principal of an investment services
217 firm" means (i) an individual who is a director of or has an ownership
218 interest in an investment services firm, except for an individual who
219 owns less than five per cent of the shares of an investment services
220 firm which is a publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is
221 employed by an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or
222 executive or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an
223 investment services firm who has managerial or discretionary
224 responsibilities with respect to any investment services, (iv) the spouse
225 or dependent child of an individual described in this subparagraph, or
226 (v) a political committee established by or on behalf of an individual
227 described in this subparagraph.

228 (2) The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation, expenses or
229 fees or issue any contract to any firm which provides investment
230 services when (A) a political committee, as defined in section 9-333a,
231 established by such firm, or (B) a principal of the investment services
232 firm has made a contribution, as defined in section 9-333b, to, or
233 solicited contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee or
234 candidate committee, as defined in section 9-333a, established by the
235 State Treasurer as a candidate for nomination or election to the office
236 of State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation,
237 expenses or fees or issue any contract to such firms or principals
238 during the term of office as State Treasurer, including, for an
239 incumbent State Treasurer seeking reelection, any remainder of the
240 current term of office.

241 (o) Any person who (1) (A) is doing business with or seeking to do
242 business with the department or agency in which a public official or

243 state employee is employed, or (B) is engaged in activities which are
244 directly regulated by such department or agency, and (2) gives to such
245 public official or state employee anything of value which is subject to
246 the reporting requirements pursuant to subsection (e) of section 1-96
247 shall, not later than ten days thereafter, give such recipient and the
248 executive head of such recipient's agency or department a written
249 report stating the name of the donor, a description of the item or items
250 given, the value of such items and the cumulative value of all items
251 given to such recipient during that calendar year. The provisions of
252 this subsection shall not apply to a political contribution otherwise
253 reported as required by law.

254 (p) No public official or state employee shall knowingly contract for
255 goods or services, for personal use, with any person doing business
256 with or seeking to do business with the department or agency in which
257 the official or employee is employed.

258 (q) No public official or state employee shall accept any gift valued
259 at over one hundred dollars that would not have been offered except
260 for the position held by the official or employee. No person shall offer
261 or give any such gift. The provisions of this subsection (1) shall not
262 prohibit a normal and customary exchange of gifts between a public
263 official or state employee and other persons if the practice of such an
264 exchange predated such official's or employee's service in such
265 position, and (2) shall apply to gifts that are not prohibited under other
266 provisions of this chapter.

267 Sec. 4. Section 1-84b of the general statutes is repealed and the
268 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

269 (a) No former executive branch or quasi-public agency public
270 official or state employee shall represent anyone other than the state,
271 concerning any particular matter (1) in which he participated
272 personally and substantially while in state service, and (2) in which the
273 state has a substantial interest.

274 (b) No former executive branch or quasi-public agency public
275 official or state employee shall, for one year after leaving state service,
276 represent anyone, other than the state, for compensation before [the]
277 any department, agency, board, commission, council or office in which
278 he served [at] during the one-year period before the time of his
279 termination of service, concerning any matter in which the state has a
280 substantial interest. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
281 an attorney who is a former employee of the Division of Criminal
282 Justice, with respect to any representation in a matter under the
283 jurisdiction of a court.

284 (c) The provisions of this subsection apply to present or former
285 executive branch public officials or state employees who hold or
286 formerly held positions which involve significant decision-making or
287 supervisory responsibility and are designated as such by the State
288 Ethics Commission in consultation with the agency concerned except
289 that such provisions shall not apply to members or former members of
290 the boards or commissions who serve ex officio, who are required by
291 statute to represent the regulated industry or who are permitted by
292 statute to have a past or present affiliation with the regulated industry.
293 Designation of positions subject to the provisions of this subsection
294 shall be by regulations adopted by the State Ethics Commission in
295 accordance with chapter 54. As used in this subsection, "agency"
296 means the Office of Health Care Access, the Connecticut Siting
297 Council, the Department of Banking, the Insurance Department, the
298 Department of Public Safety, the office within the Department of
299 Consumer Protection that carries out the duties and responsibilities of
300 sections 30-2 to 30-68m, inclusive, the Department of Public Utility
301 Control, including the Office of Consumer Counsel, the Division of
302 Special Revenue and the Gaming Policy Board and the term
303 "employment" means professional services or other services rendered
304 as an employee or as an independent contractor.

305 (1) No public official or state employee, in an executive branch
306 position designated by the State Ethics Commission shall negotiate for,

307 seek or accept employment with any business subject to regulation by
308 his agency.

309 (2) No former public official or state employee who held such a
310 position in the executive branch shall within one year after leaving an
311 agency, accept employment with a business subject to regulation by
312 that agency.

313 (3) No business shall employ a present or former public official or
314 state employee in violation of this subsection.

315 (d) The provisions of subsection (e) of this section apply to (1)
316 present or former Gaming Policy Board or Division of Special Revenue
317 public officials or state employees who hold or formerly held positions
318 which involve significant decision-making or supervisory
319 responsibility and are designated as such by the State Ethics
320 Commission, in consultation with the agency concerned, and (2)
321 present or former public officials or state employees of other agencies
322 who hold or formerly held positions which involve significant
323 decision-making or supervisory responsibility concerning the
324 regulation or investigation of (A) any business entity (i) engaged in
325 Indian gaming operations in the state, and (ii) in which a federally-
326 recognized Indian tribe in the state owns a controlling interest, or (B) a
327 governmental agency of a federally-recognized Indian tribe engaged in
328 Indian gaming operations in the state, which positions are designated
329 as such by the State Ethics Commission, in consultation with the
330 agency concerned. Designation of positions subject to the provisions of
331 this subsection shall be by regulations adopted by the State Ethics
332 Commission in accordance with chapter 54. As used in subsection (e)
333 of this section, the term "employment" means professional services or
334 other services rendered as an employee or as an independent
335 contractor.

336 (e) (1) No Gaming Policy Board or Division of Special Revenue
337 public official or state employee or other public official or state
338 employee described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section,

339 in a position designated by the State Ethics Commission, shall
340 negotiate for, seek or accept employment with (A) a business entity (i)
341 engaged in Indian gaming operations in the state, and (ii) in which a
342 federally-recognized Indian tribe in the state owns a controlling
343 interest, or (B) a governmental agency of a federally-recognized Indian
344 tribe engaged in Indian gaming operations in the state.

345 (2) No former Gaming Policy Board or Division of Special Revenue
346 public official or state employee or other former public official or state
347 employee described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section,
348 who held such a position shall, within two years after leaving such
349 agency, accept employment with (A) a business entity (i) engaged in
350 Indian gaming operations in the state, and (ii) in which a federally-
351 recognized Indian tribe in the state owns a controlling interest, or (B) a
352 governmental agency of a federally-recognized Indian tribe engaged in
353 Indian gaming operations in the state.

354 (f) (1) No former public official or state employee [(1)] (A) who
355 participated substantially in the negotiation or award of [(A)] (i) a state
356 contract valued at an amount of fifty thousand dollars or more, or [(B)]
357 (ii) a written agreement for the approval of a payroll deduction slot
358 described in section 3-123g, or [(2)] (B) who supervised the negotiation
359 or award of such a contract or agreement, shall accept employment
360 with a party to the contract, [or] agreement or negotiation other than
361 the state for a period of one year after [his] the public official's or state
362 employee's resignation from [his] state office or [position if his] state
363 employment if such resignation occurs less than one year after [the
364 contract or agreement is signed] the earlier of (i) the date the contract
365 or agreement is signed, or (ii) the date the official or employee ceases
366 to supervise, or participate substantially in, the negotiation or award of
367 the contract or agreement, as determined by regulations which the
368 commission shall adopt, in accordance with chapter 54.

369 (2) No party to the contract may employ a public official or state
370 employee if such employment would violate subdivision (1) of this

371 subsection.

372 (g) (1) No member or director of a quasi-public agency who
373 participates substantially in the negotiation or award of a contract
374 valued at an amount of fifty thousand dollars or more, or who
375 supervised the negotiation or award of such a contract, shall seek,
376 accept, or hold employment with a party to the contract or negotiation
377 for a period of one year after [the signing of the contract] the earlier of
378 (A) the date the contract is signed, or (B) the date the member or
379 director ceases to participate substantially in the negotiation or award
380 of the contract, as determined by regulations which the commission
381 shall adopt, in accordance with chapter 54.

382 (2) No party to the contract may employ a member or director if
383 such employment would violate subdivision (1) of this subsection.

384 (h) The regulations required to implement the provisions of
385 subsection (c) of this section may be adopted by the State Ethics
386 Commission prior to January 7, 1987, but may not take effect prior to
387 that date.

388 (i) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (f) of this section shall
389 not apply to any employee of a quasi-public agency who leaves such
390 agency before July 1, 1989.

391 (j) No Treasurer who authorizes, negotiates or renegotiates a
392 contract for investment services valued at an amount of fifty thousand
393 dollars or more shall negotiate for, seek or accept employment with a
394 party to the contract prior to one year after the end of the Treasurer's
395 term of office within which such contract for investment services was
396 authorized, negotiated or renegotiated by such Treasurer.

397 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 1-97 of the general statutes is
398 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
399 *1, 2005*):

400 (a) No registrant or anyone acting on behalf of a registrant shall

401 knowingly give a gift, as defined in subsection (g) of section 1-91, to
402 any state employee, public official, candidate for public office or a
403 member of any such person's staff or immediate family, during the
404 official's, employee's or staff member's state service or such candidacy
405 and for one year after (1) such official, employee or staff member
406 leaves state service, or (2) the termination of such candidacy. For the
407 purposes of this subsection, the exclusion to the term "gift" in
408 subdivision (12) of subsection (g) of section 1-91 for a gift for the
409 celebration of a major life event, and regulations adopted by the
410 commission pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 1-92 concerning
411 such events, shall not apply. Nothing in this section shall be construed
412 to permit any activity prohibited under section 53a-147 or 53a-148.

413 Sec. 6. Section 1-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
414 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

415 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
416 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, shall be open to the public.
417 The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any issue
418 before such public agency shall be reduced to writing and made
419 available for public inspection within forty-eight hours and shall also
420 be recorded in the minutes of the session at which taken. [, which]
421 Within seven days of the session to which the minutes refer, the
422 minutes shall be available for public inspection [within seven days of
423 the session to which they refer] and posted on the agency's Internet
424 web site, if available.

425 (b) Each such public agency of the state shall file not later than
426 January thirty-first of each year in the office of the Secretary of the
427 State the schedule of the regular meetings of such public agency for the
428 ensuing year and shall post such schedule on the agency's Internet web
429 site, if available, except that such [provision] requirements shall not
430 apply to the General Assembly, either house thereof or to any
431 committee thereof. Any other provision of the Freedom of Information
432 Act notwithstanding, the General Assembly at the commencement of

433 each regular session in the odd-numbered years, shall adopt, as part of
434 its joint rules, rules to provide notice to the public of its regular,
435 special, emergency or interim committee meetings. The chairperson or
436 secretary of any such public agency of any political subdivision of the
437 state shall file, not later than January thirty-first of each year, with the
438 clerk of such subdivision the schedule of regular meetings of such
439 public agency for the ensuing year, and no such meeting of any such
440 public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days after such schedule
441 has been filed. The chief executive officer of any multitown district or
442 agency shall file, not later than January thirty-first of each year, with
443 the clerk of each municipal member of such district or agency, the
444 schedule of regular meetings of such public agency for the ensuing
445 year, and no such meeting of any such public agency shall be held
446 sooner than thirty days after such schedule has been filed.

447 (c) The agenda of the regular meetings of every public agency,
448 except for the General Assembly, shall be available to the public, [and
449 shall be] posted not less than twenty-four hours before the meetings to
450 which they refer on the agency's Internet web site, if available, and
451 filed, not less than twenty-four hours before the meetings to which
452 they refer, in such agency's regular office or place of business or, if
453 there is no such office or place of business, in the office of the Secretary
454 of the State for any such public agency of the state, in the office of the
455 clerk of such subdivision for any public agency of a political
456 subdivision of the state or in the office of the clerk of each municipal
457 member of any multitown district or agency. Upon the affirmative vote
458 of two-thirds of the members of a public agency present and voting,
459 any subsequent business not included in such filed agendas may be
460 considered and acted upon at such meetings.

461 (d) Notice of each special meeting of every public agency, except for
462 the General Assembly, either house thereof or any committee thereof,
463 shall be posted not less than twenty-four hours before the meeting to
464 which it refers on the agency's Internet web site, if available, and given
465 not less than twenty-four hours prior to the time of such meeting by

466 filing a notice of the time and place thereof in the office of the Secretary
467 of the State for any such public agency of the state, in the office of the
468 clerk of such subdivision for any public agency of a political
469 subdivision of the state and in the office of the clerk of each municipal
470 member for any multitown district or agency. The secretary or clerk
471 shall cause any notice received under this section to be posted in his
472 office. Such notice shall be given not less than twenty-four hours prior
473 to the time of the special meeting; provided, in case of emergency,
474 except for the General Assembly, either house thereof or any
475 committee thereof, any such special meeting may be held without
476 complying with the foregoing requirement for the filing of notice but a
477 copy of the minutes of every such emergency special meeting
478 adequately setting forth the nature of the emergency and the
479 proceedings occurring at such meeting shall be filed with the Secretary
480 of the State, the clerk of such political subdivision, or the clerk of each
481 municipal member of such multitown district or agency, as the case
482 may be, not later than seventy-two hours following the holding of such
483 meeting. The notice shall specify the time and place of the special
484 meeting and the business to be transacted. No other business shall be
485 considered at such meetings by such public agency. In addition, such
486 written notice shall be delivered to the usual place of abode of each
487 member of the public agency so that the same is received prior to such
488 special meeting. The requirement of delivery of such written notice
489 may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time
490 the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the public
491 agency a written waiver of delivery of such notice. Such waiver may be
492 given by telegram. The requirement of delivery of such written notice
493 may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present
494 at the meeting at the time it convenes. Nothing in this section shall be
495 construed to prohibit any agency from adopting more stringent notice
496 requirements.

497 (e) No member of the public shall be required, as a condition to
498 attendance at a meeting of any such body, to register the member's
499 name, or furnish other information, or complete a questionnaire or

500 otherwise fulfill any condition precedent to the member's attendance.

501 (f) A public agency may hold an executive session, as defined in
502 subdivision (6) of section 1-200, upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds
503 of the members of such body present and voting, taken at a public
504 meeting and stating the reasons for such executive session, as defined
505 in section 1-200.

506 (g) In determining the time within which or by when a notice,
507 agenda, record of votes or minutes of a special meeting or an
508 emergency special meeting are required to be filed under this section,
509 Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays and any day on which the office of
510 the agency, the Secretary of the State or the clerk of the applicable
511 political subdivision or the clerk of each municipal member of any
512 multitown district or agency, as the case may be, is closed, shall be
513 excluded.

514 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section,
515 "municipality" has the same meaning as "municipality", as defined in
516 section 3-76c of the general statutes.

517 (b) No later than July 1, 2007, each municipality shall adopt a code
518 of ethics which shall include, but not be limited to, the provisions of
519 the model code to be established pursuant to subsection (f) of this
520 section. Any municipality that adopts a code of ethics before July 1,
521 2005, shall not be required to adopt a new code of ethics. However, if
522 any such existing code of ethics does not include the provisions of such
523 model code or stricter ethical provisions, the municipality shall, not
524 later than July 1, 2007, amend its code of ethics to include such model
525 code provisions.

526 (c) No later than July 1, 2007, each municipality shall establish a
527 procedure for investigating and deliberating on allegations of
528 violations of the code established in subsection (f) of this section,
529 unless it has already established such procedure.

530 (d) No later than July 1, 2007, each municipality shall establish a
531 policy for disclosure of financial interests of its officials and employees,
532 unless it has already established such a policy.

533 (e) Two or more municipalities may jointly carry out the
534 requirements of this section.

535 (f) The State Ethics Commission shall, not later than January 1, 2007,
536 establish a model code of ethics for municipalities.

537 (g) The commission shall assist any municipality in carrying out the
538 provisions of this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 1-79(k) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 1-83 |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 1-84 |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 1-84b |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 1-97(a) |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 1-225 |
| Sec. 7 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]