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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 2-53g of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee
7 shall: (1) Direct its staff and other legislative staff available to the
8 committee to conduct program reviews and investigations to assist the
9 General Assembly in the proper discharge of its duties; (2) establish
10 policies and procedures regarding the printing, reproduction and
11 distribution of its reports; (3) review staff reports submitted to the
12 committee and, when necessary, confer with representatives of the
13 state departments and agencies reviewed in order to obtain full and

14 complete information in regard to programs, other activities and
15 operations of the state, and may request and shall be given access to
16 and copies of, by all public officers, departments, agencies and
17 authorities of the state and its political subdivisions, such public
18 records, data and other information and given such assistance as the
19 committee determines it needs to fulfill its duties. Nothing in this
20 section shall require the disclosure of tax returns and identifying
21 information derived from tax returns to the Legislative Program
22 Review and Investigations Committee. Any statutory requirements of
23 confidentiality regarding such records, data and other information,
24 including penalties for violating such requirements, shall apply to the
25 committee, its staff and its other authorized representatives in the
26 same manner and to the same extent as such requirements and
27 penalties apply to any public officer, department, agency or authority
28 of the state or its political subdivisions. The committee shall act on staff
29 reports and recommend in its report, or propose, in the form of a
30 raised committee bill, such legislation as may be necessary to modify
31 current operations and agency practices; (4) consider and act on
32 requests by legislators, legislative committees, elected officials of state
33 government and state department and agency heads for program
34 reviews. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Program
35 Review and Investigations Committee and shall state reasons to
36 support the request. The decision of the committee to grant or deny
37 such a request shall be final; (5) conduct investigations requested by
38 joint resolution of the General Assembly, or, when the General
39 Assembly is not in session, (A) requested by a joint standing
40 committee of the General Assembly or initiated by a majority vote of
41 the Program Review and Investigations Committee and approved by
42 the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, or (B) requested by
43 the Joint Standing Committee on Legislative Management. In the event
44 two or more investigations are requested, the order of priority shall be
45 determined by the Legislative Program Review and Investigations
46 Committee; (6) retain, within available appropriations, the services of
47 consultants, technical assistants, research and other personnel
48 necessary to assist in the conduct of program reviews and

49 investigations; (7) originate, and report to the General Assembly, any
50 bill it deems necessary concerning a program, department or other
51 matter under review or investigation by the committee, in the same
52 manner as is prescribed by rule for joint standing committees of the
53 General Assembly; and (8) review audit reports after issuance by the
54 Auditors of Public Accounts, evaluate and sponsor new or revised
55 legislation based on audit findings, provide means to determine
56 compliance with audit recommendations and receive facts concerning
57 any unauthorized, illegal, irregular or unsafe handling or expenditures
58 of state funds under the provisions of section 2-90."