



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL ETHICS PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 pilot program for the handling of municipal ethics complaints. The
3 Office of State Ethics shall notify municipalities of the opportunity to
4 participate in the pilot program and shall select ten municipalities to
5 participate, provided the legislative body of each municipality, or in
6 the case of a municipality in which the legislative body is a town
7 meeting, the board of selectmen, consents to such participation on or
8 before July 1, 2009. In making such selections, the office shall rank all
9 municipalities from highest population to the lowest population, and
10 select four municipalities in the highest third of such ranking, three
11 municipalities in the middle third of such ranking, and three
12 municipalities in the lowest third of such ranking.

13 (b) Each municipality that participates in such pilot program shall
14 adopt an ethics code applicable to public officials and employees of
15 such municipality prior to determining whether to consent to
16 participate in such pilot program.

17 (c) The Office of State Ethics shall have the power to enforce the
18 provisions of any such ethics code to the same extent as the office has
19 the power to enforce provisions of the State Code of Ethics under
20 chapter 10 of the general statutes.

21 (d) The Office of State Ethics shall adopt regulations, in accordance
22 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out
23 the pilot program described in this section. Such regulations shall
24 include, but not be limited to, procedures for the filing of a complaint
25 with the Office of State Ethics and procedures to be applied to the
26 hearing of any such ethics complaint by the Office of State Ethics.

27 (e) Not later than December 31, 2011, the Office of State Ethics shall
28 file a report with the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
29 having cognizance of matters relating to government administration
30 which details the pilot program described in this section, including the
31 number of complaints filed with the office pursuant to such program,
32 the disposition of such complaints and the need to expand or eliminate
33 such pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to handle municipal ethics complaints.

[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.]