



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 492**

February Session, 2012

House Bill No. 5523

*House of Representatives, April 17, 2012*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. MORIN of the 28th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ELIMINATING A CONFERENCE ON ETHICAL ISSUES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-89a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 [(a) In each odd-numbered calendar year, the Office of State Ethics,  
4 the Connecticut Humanities Council and the Joint Committee on  
5 Legislative Management shall conduct a conference on ethical issues  
6 affecting members of the General Assembly and lobbyists.]

7 [(b)] In each even-numbered calendar year, the Office of State Ethics  
8 shall conduct a conference on ethical issues affecting executive branch  
9 and quasi-public agency public officials and state employees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	1-89a
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 13 \$</b>	<b>FY 14 \$</b>
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Savings	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill would result in minimal savings to the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) as it eliminates a requirement that OLM conduct a conference in odd numbered years on ethical issues affecting lobbyists and General Assembly members. Currently, minimal costs are incurred by OLM in odd numbered years to provide refreshments for these conferences.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5523*****AN ACT ELIMINATING A CONFERENCE ON ETHICAL ISSUES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates a requirement that the Office of State Ethics (OSE), the Connecticut Humanities Council, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Management (JCLM) conduct a conference in odd-numbered years on ethical issues affecting lobbyists and General Assembly members.

The law continues to require that OSE provide mandatory Code of Ethics training to (1) new members upon their first election to the General Assembly and (2) all members every four years or after significant code revisions upon JCLM's request (CGS § 1-81c).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15    Nay 0    (03/29/2012)