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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL
ACCOUNTABILITY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) There is established the Office of Governmental Accountability.
4 The executive administrator of the office shall serve as the
5 administrative head of the office [, who] and shall be appointed in
6 accordance with the provisions of section 1-301.

7 (b) The Office of Governmental Accountability shall provide
8 personnel, payroll, affirmative action and administrative and business
9 office functions, and information technology associated with such
10 functions, for the following: The Office of State Ethics established
11 under section 1-80, State Elections Enforcement Commission
12 established under section 9-7a, Freedom of Information Commission
13 established under section 1-205, Judicial Review Council established

14 under section 51-51k, Judicial Selection Commission established under
15 section 51-44a, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners established under
16 section 29-32b, Office of the Child Advocate established under section
17 46a-13k, Office of the Victim Advocate established under section 46a-
18 13b and State Contracting Standards Board established under section
19 4e-2. The personnel, payroll, affirmative action and administrative and
20 business office functions of said offices, commissions, council and
21 boards shall be merged and consolidated within the Office of
22 Governmental Accountability pursuant to the plan developed and
23 implemented under the provisions of section 1-302.

24 (c) The executive administrator may employ necessary staff to carry
25 out the administrative functions of the Office of Governmental
26 Accountability, within available appropriations. Such necessary staff of
27 the Office of Governmental Accountability shall be in classified
28 service.

29 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect or limit the
30 independent decision-making authority of the Office of State Ethics,
31 State Elections Enforcement Commission, the Freedom of Information
32 Commission, Judicial Review Council, Judicial Selection Commission,
33 Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, Office of the Child Advocate,
34 Office of the Victim Advocate or the State Contracting Standards
35 Board. Such decision-making authority includes, but is not limited to,
36 decisions concerning budgetary issues and concerning the
37 employment of necessary staff to carry out the statutory duties of each
38 such office, commission, council or board.

39 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-301 of the general statutes is
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
41 *October 1, 2015*):

42 (a) [(1)] There shall be a Governmental Accountability Commission,
43 within the Office of Governmental Accountability established under
44 section 1-300, that shall consist of the following nine members [as

45 follows] or their designees: [(A)] (1) The chairperson of the Citizen's
 46 Ethics Advisory Board established under section 1-80; [, or the
 47 chairperson's designee; (B)] (2) the chairperson of the State Elections
 48 Enforcement Commission established under section 9-7a; [, or the
 49 chairperson's designee; (C)] (3) the chairperson of the Freedom of
 50 Information Commission established under section 1-205; [, or the
 51 chairperson's designee; (D)] (4) the executive director of the Judicial
 52 Review Council established under section 51-51k; [, or the executive
 53 director's designee; (E)] (5) the chairperson of the Judicial Selection
 54 Commission established under section 51-44a; [, or the chairperson's
 55 designee; (F)] (6) the chairperson of the Board of Firearms Permit
 56 Examiners established under section 29-32b; [, or the chairperson's
 57 designee; (G)] (7) the Child Advocate appointed under section 46a-13k;
 58 [, or the advocate's designee; (H)] (8) the Victim Advocate appointed
 59 under section 46a-13b; [, or the advocate's designee;] and [(I)] (9) the
 60 chairperson of the State Contracting Standards Board established
 61 under section 4e-2, [or the chairperson's designee,] provided no person
 62 serving as a designee under this subsection may be a state employee.
 63 The Governmental Accountability Commission shall select a
 64 chairperson who shall preside at meetings of the commission. Said
 65 commission shall meet for the purpose of making recommendations to
 66 the Governor for candidates for the executive administrator of the
 67 Office of Governmental Accountability pursuant to the provisions of
 68 subsection (b) of this section, or for the purpose of terminating the
 69 employment of the executive administrator. [(2)] The commission
 70 established under [subdivision (1) of] this subsection shall not be
 71 construed to be a board or commission within the meaning of section
 72 4-9a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	1-300
Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	1-301(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To make minor revisions to the statutes concerning the Office of Governmental Accountability.

[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.]