



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 847

*Senate, April 13, 2015*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ETHICS TASK FORCE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study municipal ethics, including creating a plan for establishing  
3 regional municipal ethics boards and recommending minimum  
4 provisions to be included in a municipal ethics code. The task force  
5 shall recommend any legislation needed to implement such plan and  
6 to require municipalities to adopt certain minimum provisions in their  
7 codes of ethics.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives, who shall be a member of an organization

13 representing large municipalities;

14 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
15 a member of an organization representing small municipalities;

16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a regional council of  
18 governments;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

20 (7) The executive director of the Office of State Ethics, or a designee.

21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
22 (2), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
23 General Assembly.

24 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
26 filled by the appointing authority.

27 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
28 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
29 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
30 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
31 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

32 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
34 government administration shall serve as the administrative staff of  
35 the task force.

36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a  
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
39 relating to government administration, in accordance with the  
40 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
41 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2016,

42 whichever is later.

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 16.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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