



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5229**

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**AN ACT CHANGING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (k) No public official, spouse of the Governor or state employee  
5 shall accept a fee or honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or  
6 for participation at an event, in the public official's, spouse's or state  
7 employee's official capacity, provided a public official, Governor's  
8 spouse or state employee may receive payment or reimbursement for  
9 necessary expenses for any such activity in his or her official capacity  
10 from the sponsor of the event. If a public official, Governor's spouse or  
11 state employee receives such a payment or reimbursement for lodging  
12 or out-of-state travel, or both, the public official, Governor's spouse or  
13 state employee shall, not later than thirty days thereafter, file a report  
14 of the payment or reimbursement with the Office of State Ethics,  
15 unless the payment or reimbursement is provided by the federal  
16 government or another state government. If a public official,  
17 Governor's spouse or state employee does not file such report within  
18 such period, either intentionally or due to gross negligence on the  
19 public official's, Governor's spouse's or state employee's part, the  
20 public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall return the  
21 payment or reimbursement. If any failure to file such report is not

22 intentional or due to gross negligence on the part of the public official,  
 23 Governor's spouse or state employee, the public official, Governor's  
 24 spouse or state employee shall not be subject to any penalty under this  
 25 chapter. When a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee  
 26 attends an event in this state in the public official's, Governor's  
 27 spouse's or state employee's official capacity and as [a principal  
 28 speaker] an active participant at such event and receives admission to  
 29 or food or beverage at such event from the sponsor of the event, such  
 30 admission or food or beverage shall not be considered a gift and no  
 31 report shall be required from such public official, spouse or state  
 32 employee or from the sponsor of the event. As used in this subsection,  
 33 "active participant" means a speaker, panelist, moderator of a panel or  
 34 presenter of an award who provides substantive official service to the  
 35 sponsor of the event.

36 Sec. 2. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

38 Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state  
 39 employee ten dollars or more for necessary expenses, as defined in  
 40 section 1-79, shall, within [thirty] forty-five days, file a statement with  
 41 the Office of State Ethics indicating the name of such individual and  
 42 the amount of the expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-84(k)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-96e

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(k), "a sponsor" was changed to "the sponsor" for consistency.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*