



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 24**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 176

*Senate, March 20, 2018*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MCLACHLAN, M. of the 24th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN GIFTS TO THE STATE UNDER THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-84c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the donation of goods or  
4 services, as described in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (5) of section  
5 1-79, to a state agency or quasi-public agency, the donation of the use  
6 of facilities to facilitate state agency or quasi-public agency action or  
7 functions or the donation of real property to a state agency or quasi-  
8 public agency. [As used in this section, "state agency" and "quasi-  
9 public agency" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-79.]

10 (b) If a public official or state employee receives goods or services to  
11 support such official's or employee's participation at an event, as

12 described in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (5) of section 1-79, and  
 13 such goods or services (1) include lodging or out-of-state travel, or  
 14 both, and (2) are not provided by the federal government or another  
 15 state government, such official or employee shall, not later than thirty  
 16 days after receipt of such goods or services, file a report with the Office  
 17 of State Ethics. Such report shall be on an electronic form prescribed by  
 18 the board and shall certify to the Office of State Ethics, under penalty  
 19 of false statement, that the goods or services received in support of  
 20 such official's or employee's participation at an event facilitated state  
 21 action or functions. If a public official or state employee does not file a  
 22 report within such thirty-day period, either intentionally or due to  
 23 gross negligence on the official's or employee's part, the official or  
 24 employee shall return to the donor the value of the goods or services  
 25 received. Unless the failure to file such report is intentional or due to  
 26 gross negligence, the public official or state employee shall not be  
 27 subject to any penalty under this chapter for such failure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	1-84c

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (b), "for such failure" was added for clarity.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires public officials and state employees to file an online report with the Office of State Ethics within 30 days of receipt of certain donated goods or services, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 176*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN GIFTS TO THE STATE UNDER THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires public officials and state employees to file an online report with the Office of State Ethics within 30 days after receiving certain goods or services under the Code of Ethics' "gift to the state" exception.

The bill's reporting requirement applies to goods or services that support such individual's participation at an event (e.g., a conference) that facilitates a state or quasi-public agency action or function (i.e., the event is relevant to his or her state job) and (1) include lodging or out-of-state travel and (2) are provided by donors other than the federal or another state government. Under the bill, the report must be on an electronic form prescribed by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and certify, under penalty of false statement, that the goods or services received facilitated state action or functions. Officials or employees who fail to report within the 30-day period intentionally or due to gross negligence must return to the donor the value of the goods or services received and may be subject to additional penalties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

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