



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7384

House of Representatives, April 11, 2019

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-101pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 Any commissioner, deputy commissioner, state agency or quasi-
4 public agency head or deputy, or person in charge of state agency
5 procurement, contracting or human resources, who has reasonable
6 cause to believe that a person has violated the provisions of the [Code
7 of Ethics for Public Officials] code of ethics for public officials set forth
8 in part I of this chapter or any law or regulation concerning ethics in
9 state contracting shall report such belief to the Office of State Ethics,
10 which may further report such information to the Auditors of Public
11 Accounts, the Chief State's Attorney or the Attorney General.

12 Sec. 2. Section 1-101rr of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

14 (a) Each state agency and quasi-public agency that is a party to a
 15 large state construction or procurement contract or is planning such a
 16 contract shall appoint an ethics compliance officer. Such officer shall be
 17 responsible for the development of the ethics policies of such agency,
 18 coordination of ethics training programs for such agency and
 19 monitoring of programs of such agency for compliance with the ethics
 20 policies of the agency and the [Code of Ethics for Public Officials] code
 21 of ethics for public officials set forth in part I of this chapter. At least
 22 annually, each ethics compliance officer shall provide ethics training to
 23 agency personnel involved in contractor selection, evaluation and
 24 supervision. Such training shall include a review of current ethics laws
 25 and regulations and discussion of ethics issues concerning contracting.
 26 Any contractor and employee of such agency shall provide any
 27 requested information to such ethics compliance officer.

28 (b) Each other state agency and quasi-public agency shall designate
 29 an agency officer or employee as a liaison to the Office of State Ethics.
 30 The liaison shall coordinate the development of ethics policies for the
 31 agency and work with the Office of State Ethics on training on ethical
 32 issues for agency personnel involved in contracting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	1-101pp
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-101rr

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which makes technical changes to statutes regarding the code of ethics for state contractors, has no fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS.

SUMMARY

This bill makes technical changes to statutes related to the code of ethics for state contractors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the technical revision to the provision on reporting a suspected violation is effective July 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)