



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6193**

LCO No. 5577



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT SUBJECTING CERTAIN NONSTATE ENTITIES THAT SERVE  
A GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION TO THE FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT AND THE CODES OF ETHICS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (11) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2021*):

4 (11) "Public official" means any state-wide elected officer, any  
5 member or member-elect of the General Assembly, any person  
6 appointed to any office of the legislative, judicial or executive branch of  
7 state government by the Governor or an appointee of the Governor,  
8 with or without the advice and consent of the General Assembly, any  
9 public member or representative of the teachers' unions or state  
10 employees' unions appointed to the Investment Advisory Council  
11 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 3-13b, any person appointed or  
12 elected by the General Assembly or by any member of either house  
13 thereof, any member or director of a quasi-public agency, [and] the  
14 spouse of the Governor and any person appointed by a member of the

15 General Assembly, a state-wide elected officer, the Governor or an  
16 appointee of the Governor to serve on the board of an entity that is not  
17 a state or quasi-public agency but serves a governmental function, but  
18 does not include a member of an advisory board, a judge of any court  
19 either elected or appointed or a senator or representative in Congress.

20 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of section 1-200 of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
22 *1, 2021*):

23 (1) "Public agency" or "agency" means:

24 (A) Any executive, administrative or legislative office of the state or  
25 any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency, any  
26 department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official  
27 of the state or of any city, town, borough, municipal corporation, school  
28 district, regional district or other district or other political subdivision of  
29 the state, including any committee of, or created by, any such office,  
30 subdivision, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,  
31 commission, authority or official, and also includes any judicial office,  
32 official, or body or committee thereof but only with respect to its or their  
33 administrative functions, and for purposes of this subparagraph,  
34 "judicial office" includes, but is not limited to, the Division of Public  
35 Defender Services;

36 (B) Any person to the extent such person is deemed to be the  
37 functional equivalent of a public agency pursuant to law, including, but  
38 not limited to, any person described in section 3 of this act; or

39 (C) Any "implementing agency", as defined in section 32-222.

40 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) Any person appointed by a  
41 member of the General Assembly, a state-wide elected officer, the  
42 Governor or an appointee of the Governor to serve on the board of an  
43 entity that (1) is not a state agency or quasi-public agency, as such terms  
44 are defined in section 1-79 of the general statutes, as amended by this

45 act, and (2) serves a governmental function, shall be deemed the  
46 functional equivalent of a public agency, as defined in section 1-200 of  
47 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	1-79(11)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2021	1-200(1)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2021	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To subject certain nonstate entities that serve a governmental function to the Freedom of Information Act and the codes of ethics.

*[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.]*

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