



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 163

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"AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

6 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
7 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution to a candidate or
8 exploratory committee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
9 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, state
10 senator or state representative, any political committee authorized to
11 make contributions to such candidates or committees, and any party
12 committee that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds fifty dollars shall
13 provide with the contribution: (A) The name of the contributor's
14 employer, if any; (B) the contributor's status as a communicator lobbyist,

15 as defined in section 1-91, a member of the immediate family of a
16 communicator lobbyist, a state contractor, a prospective state contractor
17 or a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, as
18 defined in section 9-612; [and] (C) a certification that the contributor is
19 not prohibited from making a contribution to such candidate or
20 committee; and (D) the contributor's status as a member of a union. The
21 State Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare a sample form
22 for such certification by the contributor and shall make it available to
23 treasurers and contributors. Such sample form shall include an
24 explanation of the terms "communicator lobbyist", "principal of a state
25 contractor or prospective state contractor", "immediate family", "state
26 contractor" and "prospective state contractor". The information on such
27 sample form shall be included in any written solicitation conducted by
28 any such committee. If a treasurer receives such a contribution and the
29 contributor has not provided such certification, the treasurer shall: (i)
30 Not later than three business days after receiving the contribution, send
31 a request for the certification to the contributor by certified mail, return
32 receipt requested; (ii) not deposit the contribution until the treasurer
33 obtains the certification from the contributor, notwithstanding the
34 provisions of section 9-606; and (iii) return the contribution to the
35 contributor if the contributor does not provide the certification not later
36 than fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or at the end of
37 the reporting period in which the contribution was received, whichever
38 is later. No treasurer shall be required to obtain and keep more than one
39 certification from each contributor, unless information certified to by the
40 contributor, other than the amount contributed, changes. If a treasurer
41 deposits a contribution based on a certification that is later determined
42 to be false, the treasurer shall have a complete defense to any action,
43 including but not limited to, any complaint investigated by the State
44 Elections Enforcement Commission or any other investigation initiated
45 by said commission, against such treasurer for the receipt of such
46 contribution."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	October 1, 2022	9-608(c)(3)
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