AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS.

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

Section 1. Subdivision (12) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(12) "Quasi-public agency" [means Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, the State Housing Authority, the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, the Capital Region Development Authority, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, the Connecticut Airport Authority, the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, the Connecticut Green Bank, the Connecticut Port Authority, the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority, the State Education Resource Center and the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority] has the same meaning as provided in section 1-120.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (24) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October
(24) "Quasi-public agency" means quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79 [has the same meaning as provided in section 1-120].

Sec. 3. Subdivision (11) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(11) "Public official" means any state-wide elected officer or officer-elect, any member or member-elect of the General Assembly, any person appointed to any office of the legislative, judicial or executive branch of state government by the Governor or an appointee of the Governor, with or without the advice and consent of the General Assembly, any public member or representative of the teachers' unions or state employees' unions appointed to the Investment Advisory Council pursuant to subsection (a) of section 3-13b, any person appointed or elected by the General Assembly or by any member of either house thereof, any member or director of a quasi-public agency and the spouse of the Governor, but does not include a member of an advisory board, a judge of any court either elected or appointed or a senator or representative in Congress.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (16) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(16) "Public official" means any state-wide elected state officer or officer-elect, any member or member-elect of the General Assembly, any person appointed to any office of the legislative, judicial or executive branch of state government by the Governor, with or without the advice and consent of the General Assembly, the spouse of the Governor and any person appointed or elected by the General Assembly or any member of either house thereof; but does not include a member of an
advisory board or a senator or representative in Congress.

Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 1-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(d) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section, the registration of a: (1) Client lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, as amended by this act, shall include: (A) The name of such company or association, (B) the nature of such company or association, (C) the primary business address of such company or association, (D) the name of the [person] individual responsible for oversight of such client lobbyist's lobbying activities, (E) the job title of such [person] individual and any applicable contact information for such [person] individual, including, but not limited to, phone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address and business mailing address, and (F) the name, job title and applicable contact information of any individual designated by the client lobbyist as an authorized filer, including, but not limited to, phone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address and business mailing address, provided such individual is different from the individual listed in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision; and (2) communicator lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, as amended by this act, shall include the name of the person with whom such communicator lobbyist has primary contact for each client of such communicator lobbyist and any applicable contact information for such person, including, but not limited to, phone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address and business mailing address.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the official or employee's immediate family or a business with which he is associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at one
hundred dollars or more, other than a contract (A) of employment as a state employee, (B) with the Technical Education and Career System for students enrolled in a school in the system to perform services in conjunction with vocational, technical, technological or postsecondary education and training any such student is receiving at a school in the system, subject to the review process under subdivision (2) of this subsection, (C) with a public institution of higher education to support a collaboration with such institution to develop and commercialize any invention or discovery, or (D) pursuant to a court appointment, unless the contract has been awarded through an open and public process, including prior public offer and subsequent public disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded. In no event shall an executive head of an agency, as defined in section 4-166, including a commissioner of a department, or an executive head of a quasi-public agency, [as defined in section 1-79,] or the executive head's immediate family or a business with which he is associated enter into any contract with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying to any public official who is appointed as a member of the executive branch or as a member or director of a quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the public official's duties unless such public official has authority or control over the subject matter of the contract. Any contract made in violation of this subsection shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the suit is commenced not later than one hundred eighty days after the making of the contract.

Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(1) "Administrative action" means any action or nonaction of any executive agency of the state with respect to the proposal, drafting,
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development, consideration, amendment, adoption or repeal of any rule, regulation or utility rate, and any action or nonaction of any executive agency or quasi-public agency, [as defined in section 1-79,] regarding a contract, grant, award, purchasing agreement, loan, bond, certificate, license, permit or any other matter which is within the official jurisdiction or cognizance of such an agency.

Sec. 8. Subdivision (6) of section 1-101mm of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(6) "Quasi-public agency" has the same meaning as provided in section [1-79] 1-120.

Sec. 9. Section 4-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

As used in sections 4-250 to 4-252, inclusive, as amended by this act:

(1) "Gift" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79, as amended by this act, except that the exclusion in subparagraph (L) of subdivision (5) of section 1-79 for a gift for the celebration of a major life event does not apply;

(2) "Public official" and "state employee" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-79, as amended by this act;

(3) "State agency" means any office, department, board, council, commission, institution or other agency in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government;

(4) "Quasi-public agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-120;

[[4]] (5) "Large state contract" means an agreement or a combination
or series of agreements between a state agency or a quasi-public agency and a person, firm or corporation, having a total value of more than five hundred thousand dollars in a calendar or fiscal year, for (A) a project for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (B) services, including, but not limited to, consulting and professional services, (C) the procurement of supplies, materials or equipment, (D) a lease, or (E) a licensing arrangement. The term "large state contract" does not include a contract between a state agency or a quasi-public agency and a political subdivision of the state;

[(5)] (6) "Principals and key personnel" means officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners and managerial employees; and

[(6)] (7) "Participated substantially" means participation that is direct, extensive and substantive, and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial.

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 4-252a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(a) For purposes of this section, "state agency" [and "quasi-public agency" have] has the same [meanings] meaning as provided in section 1-79, as amended by this act, "quasi-public agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-120, "large state contract" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-250, as amended by this act, and "entity" means any corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, nonprofit organization or other business organization whose principal place of business is located outside of the United States, but excludes any United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation.

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