

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5407

AN ACT DEFINING "DEPENDENT CHILD" FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION OVER NONRESIDENTS BY THE OFFICE OF

Title: STATE ETHICS.

Vote Date: 3/15/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/8/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The legislation aims to promote consistent function of the term "dependent child" for purposes of the State Code of Ethics for Public Officials by including a clear definition within the Code's definition section. Further, the legislation aims to reinforce the ability of the Office of State Ethics to enforce certain code violations by granting the exercise of jurisdiction over non-resident individuals.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Peter Lewandowski, Office of State Ethics Executive Director, Supports:
Section 1 of this bill amends the general statutes to provide for a definition of "dependent child" in the Code's definition section, which will provide consistent application of the term to all sections of the Codes of Ethics for Public Officials. Section 2 clarifies the application of the long-arm statute under Part IV of the Codes of Ethics, closing a loophole that prevents the OSE from enforcing certain alleged code violations by state employees who live out of state and non-resident lobbyists who engage in lobbying in the state.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: Lindsay de Brito

Date: 3/21/2024