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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL CONFLICT
OF INTEREST PROVISIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section,
2 (1) "municipality" means each town, city or borough, whether
3 consolidated or unconsolidated, and includes any district, and (2)
4 "district" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-324 of the
5 general statutes. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes
6 or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, not later than October
7 1, 2025, each municipality shall adopt a conflict of interest provision for
8 its elected and appointed officials, officers and employees which shall
9 contain: (A) The municipality's definition of "conflict of interest" or the
10 model definition set forth in subsection (b) of this section, and (B) any
11 actions that are required to be taken by the municipality if a conflict of
12 interest is determined to exist, except that the provisions of this
13 subsection shall not apply to any municipality that has established a
14 conflict of interest policy prior to January 1, 2025.

15 (b) For purposes of complying with the requirements of subsection
16 (a) of this section, a municipality may adopt the following model
17 definition of conflict of interest in lieu of creating its own definition: A
18 conflict of interest exists where an official, officer or employee believes
19 or expects that such official, officer or employee, or any person within
20 such official's, officer's or employee's immediate family, or any business
21 associate of such official, officer or employee, or any business by which
22 the official, officer or employee is employed, or any business with which
23 the official, officer or employee is associated, will derive a direct
24 monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by
25 reason of such official's, officer's or employee's official activity, but
26 excluding any official action taken by the official, officer or employee in
27 which any benefit or detriment is shared with a substantial segment of
28 the population of the municipality.

29 (c) Not later than January 15, 2026, each municipality shall submit a
30 notice to the Office of State Ethics, in a manner prescribed by the office,
31 certifying whether the municipality (1) has adopted a conflict of interest
32 provision in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
33 section, or (2) is exempt from such requirement under subsection (a) of
34 this section. Any such notice shall include a copy of the conflict of
35 interest provision adopted by such municipality. The Office of State
36 Ethics shall publish a copy of each municipality's conflict of interest
37 provision submitted under this subsection on the office's Internet web
38 site.

39 (d) Not later than January 15, 2026, and as updated thereafter, each
40 municipality shall publish any conflict of interest provision adopted by
41 such municipality on its Internet web site in an easily accessible location.
42 If the conflict of interest provision is part of an established code of ethics
43 adopted by a municipality, the publication of the code of ethics on the
44 municipal Internet web site in an easily accessible location shall satisfy
45 the requirements of this subsection. If the municipality does not have an
46 Internet web site, the municipality shall make its conflict of interest
47 provision or code of ethics available to the public at the town or city
48 clerk's office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require municipalities that do not have an adopted conflict of interest provision to adopt such a provision and all municipalities to submit a copy of such provision to the Office of State Ethics and post such provision on their Internet web site.

[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.]