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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE
OF STATE ETHICS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF
ETHICS AND INCREASING VARIOUS MONETARY THRESHOLDS IN
SAID CODES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (d) The board shall elect a chairperson who shall, except as provided
5 in subsection (b) of section 1-82 and subsection (b) of section 1-93,
6 preside at meetings of the board and a vice-chairperson to preside in the
7 absence of the chairperson. [Six] Five members of the board shall
8 constitute a quorum. Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection
9 (a) of section 1-81, subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-82, subsection (b)
10 of section 1-88, subsection (e) of section 1-92, subsections (a) and (b) of
11 section 1-93 and subsection (b) of section 1-99, a majority vote of the
12 members shall be required for action of the board. The chairperson or
13 any three members may call a meeting.

14 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-83 of the general statutes
15 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
16 *October 1, 2026*):

17 (a) (1) All state-wide elected officers, members of the General
18 Assembly, department heads and their deputies, members or directors
19 of each quasi-public agency, members of the Investment Advisory
20 Council and such other members of the Executive Department and such
21 employees of quasi-public agencies as the Governor shall require, shall
22 file electronically with the Office of State Ethics using the software
23 created by the office, under penalty of false statement, a statement of
24 financial interests for the preceding calendar year on or before the May
25 first next in any year in which they hold such an office or position. If, in
26 any year, May first falls on a weekend or legal holiday, such statement
27 shall be filed not later than the next business day. Any such individual
28 who leaves his or her office or position shall file electronically a
29 statement of financial interests covering that portion of the year during
30 which such individual held his or her office or position. The Office of
31 State Ethics shall notify such individuals of the requirements of this
32 subsection not later than sixty days after their departure from such
33 office or position. Such individuals shall file such statement
34 electronically not later than sixty days after receipt of the notification.

35 (2) Each state agency, department, board and commission shall
36 develop and implement, in cooperation with the Office of State Ethics,
37 an ethics statement as it relates to the mission of the agency, department,
38 board or commission. The executive head of each such agency,
39 department, board or commission shall be directly responsible for the
40 development and enforcement of such ethics statement and shall file a
41 copy of such ethics statement with the Office of State Ethics.

42 (b) (1) The statement of financial interests, except as provided in
43 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall include the following
44 information for the preceding calendar year in regard to the individual
45 required to file the statement and the individual's spouse and
46 dependent children residing in the individual's household: (A) The

47 names of all businesses with which associated; (B) all sources of income,
48 including the name of each employer, with a description of the type of
49 income received, in excess of one thousand dollars, without specifying
50 amounts of income; (C) the name of securities in excess of five thousand
51 dollars at fair market value owned by such individual, spouse or
52 dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or
53 trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children;
54 (D) the existence of any known blind trust and the names of the trustees;
55 (E) all real property and its location, whether owned by such individual,
56 spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation,
57 partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or
58 dependent children; (F) the names and addresses of creditors to whom
59 the individual, the individual's spouse or dependent children,
60 individually, owed debts of more than ten thousand dollars; (G) any
61 leases or contracts with the state or a quasi-public agency held or
62 entered into by the individual or a business with which he or she was
63 associated; and (H) the name of any of the following that is a partner or
64 owner of, or has a similar business affiliation with, the business included
65 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision: (i) Any lobbyist, (ii) any
66 person the individual filing the statement knows or has reason to know
67 is doing business with or seeking to do business with the state or is
68 engaged in activities that are directly regulated by the department or
69 agency in which the individual is employed, or (iii) any business with
70 which such lobbyist or person is associated.

71 (2) In the case of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair
72 market value held within (A) a retirement savings plan, as described in
73 Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
74 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended
75 from time to time, (B) a tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan, as
76 described in Section 403 of said Internal Revenue Code, (C) a payroll
77 deduction individual retirement account plan, as described in Section
78 408 or 408A of said Internal Revenue Code, [(C)] (D) a governmental
79 deferred compensation plan, as described in Section 457 of said Internal
80 Revenue Code, or [(D)] (E) an education savings plan, as described in

81 Section 529 of said Internal Revenue Code, the names of such securities
82 shall not be required to be disclosed in any statement of financial
83 interests and only the name of such retirement savings plan, tax-
84 sheltered annuity retirement plan, individual retirement account plan,
85 deferred compensation plan or education savings plan holding such
86 securities shall be required.

87 Sec. 3. Section 1-84 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is
88 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
89 *1, 2026*):

90 (a) No public official or state employee shall, while serving as such,
91 have any financial interest in, or engage in, any business, employment,
92 transaction or professional activity, which is in substantial conflict with
93 the proper discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties or
94 employment in the public interest and of [his] such official's or
95 employee's responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, as
96 defined in section 1-85, as amended by this act.

97 (b) No public official or state employee shall accept other
98 employment which will either impair [his] such official's or employee's
99 independence of judgment as to [his] such official's or employee's
100 official duties or employment or require [him, or induce him] or induce
101 such official or employee, to disclose confidential information acquired
102 by [him] such official or employee in the course of and by reason of [his]
103 such official's or employee's official duties.

104 (c) No public official or state employee shall wilfully and knowingly
105 disclose, for financial gain, to any other person, confidential information
106 acquired by [him] such official or employee in the course of and by
107 reason of [his] such official's or employee's official duties or
108 employment and no public official or state employee shall use [his] such
109 official's or employee's public office or position or any confidential
110 information received through [his] such official's or employee's holding
111 such public office or position to obtain financial gain for [himself, his]
112 such official or employee, such official's or employee's spouse, child,

113 child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is
114 associated.

115 (d) No public official or state employee or employee of such public
116 official or state employee shall agree to accept, or be a member or
117 employee of a partnership, association, professional corporation or sole
118 proprietorship which partnership, association, professional corporation
119 or sole proprietorship agrees to accept any employment, fee or other
120 thing of value, or portion thereof, for appearing, agreeing to appear, or
121 taking any other action on behalf of another person before the
122 Department of Banking, the Office of the Claims Commissioner, the
123 Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of Health Strategy, the
124 Insurance Department, the Department of Consumer Protection, the
125 Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Insurance and Risk
126 Management Board, the Department of Energy and Environmental
127 Protection, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Connecticut
128 Siting Council or the Connecticut Real Estate Commission; provided
129 this shall not prohibit any such person from making inquiry for
130 information on behalf of another before any of said commissions or
131 commissioners if no fee or reward is given or promised in consequence
132 thereof. For the purpose of this subsection, partnerships, associations,
133 professional corporations or sole proprietorships refer only to such
134 partnerships, associations, professional corporations or sole
135 proprietorships which have been formed to carry on the business or
136 profession directly relating to the employment, appearing, agreeing to
137 appear or taking of action provided for in this subsection. Nothing in
138 this subsection shall prohibit any employment, appearing, agreeing to
139 appear or taking action before any municipal board, commission or
140 council. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying (1) to
141 the actions of any teaching or research professional employee of a public
142 institution of higher education if such actions are not in violation of any
143 other provision of this chapter, (2) to the actions of any other
144 professional employee of a public institution of higher education if such
145 actions are not compensated and are not in violation of any other
146 provision of this chapter, (3) to any member of a board or commission

147 who receives no compensation other than per diem payments or
148 reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the
149 performance of the member's duties, or (4) to any member or director of
150 a quasi-public agency. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
151 subsection to the contrary, a legislator, an officer of the General
152 Assembly or part-time legislative employee may be or become a
153 member or employee of a firm, partnership, association or professional
154 corporation which represents clients for compensation before agencies
155 listed in this subsection, provided the legislator, officer of the General
156 Assembly or part-time legislative employee shall take no part in any
157 matter involving the agency listed in this subsection and shall not
158 receive compensation from any such matter. Receipt of a previously
159 established salary, not based on the current or anticipated business of
160 the firm, partnership, association or professional corporation involving
161 the agencies listed in this subsection, shall be permitted.

162 (e) No legislative commissioner or [his] the legislative
163 commissioner's partners, employees or associates shall represent any
164 person subject to the provisions of part II concerning the promotion of
165 or opposition to legislation before the General Assembly, or accept any
166 employment which includes an agreement or understanding to
167 influence, or which is inconsistent with, the performance of [his] the
168 legislative commissioner's official duties.

169 (f) No person shall offer or give to a public official or state employee
170 or candidate for public office or [his] such official's or employee's
171 spouse, [his] parent, brother, sister or child or the spouse of such child
172 or a business with which he is associated, anything of value, including,
173 but not limited to, a gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise
174 of future employment based on any understanding that the vote, official
175 action or judgment of the public official, state employee or candidate for
176 public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

177 (g) No public official or state employee or candidate for public office
178 shall solicit or accept anything of value, including but not limited to, a
179 gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise of future

180 employment based on any understanding that the vote, official action
181 or judgment of the public official or state employee or candidate for
182 public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

183 (h) Nothing in subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall be construed
184 (1) to apply to any promise made in violation of subdivision (6) of
185 section 9-622, or (2) to permit any activity otherwise prohibited in
186 section 53a-147 or 53a-148.

187 (i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the official's
188 or employee's immediate family or a business with which he or she is
189 associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at [one]
190 two hundred fifty dollars or more, unless (A) such contract is awarded
191 through an open and public process that includes, at a minimum, (i) pre-
192 award public disclosure of all offers to enter into such contract, and (ii)
193 post-award public disclosure of such contract, or (B) such contract is a
194 contract (i) of employment as a state employee, (ii) with the Technical
195 Education and Career System for students enrolled in a school in the
196 system to perform services in conjunction with vocational, technical,
197 technological or postsecondary education and training any such student
198 is receiving at a school in the system, subject to the review process under
199 subdivision (2) of this subsection, (iii) with a public institution of higher
200 education to support a collaboration with such institution to develop
201 and commercialize any invention or discovery, (iv) pursuant to a court
202 appointment, or (v) with the office of the Attorney General to be
203 retained as an expert witness for, or in anticipation of, litigation or an
204 administrative proceeding, provided the office of the Attorney General
205 files with the Office of State Ethics, in a form and manner prescribed by
206 the Office of State Ethics and not later than thirty days after the expert
207 witness is disclosed, or required to be disclosed, to the opposing party
208 or parties, either directly or through the court of competent jurisdiction
209 or administrative agency, or resolution of the litigation or
210 administrative proceeding for which the expert witness was retained,
211 whichever occurs first, a statement disclosing (I) the name of the expert
212 witness, (II) the qualifications of the expert witness, (III) the scope of the
213 services provided by the expert witness, (IV) the date of execution of

214 such contract, (V) the beginning and ending dates of the term of such
215 contract, and (VI) the value of such contract, if known by the office of
216 the Attorney General. In no event shall an executive head of an agency,
217 as defined in section 4-166, including a commissioner of a department,
218 or an executive head of a quasi-public agency, or the executive head's
219 immediate family or a business with which he is associated enter into
220 any contract with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this
221 subsection shall be construed as applying to any public official who is
222 appointed as a member of the executive branch or as a member or
223 director of a quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation
224 other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary
225 expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the public official's
226 duties unless such public official has authority or control over the
227 subject matter of the contract. Any contract made in violation of this
228 subsection shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the
229 suit is commenced not later than one hundred eighty days after the
230 making of the contract. For purposes of this subdivision, "expert
231 witness" means any individual who is qualified to provide testimony on
232 any scientific, technical or other specialized matter by virtue of his or
233 her knowledge, skill, experience, training or education, and is retained
234 to provide his or her testimony on such matter, including, but not
235 limited to, in the form of an expert opinion.

236 (2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System
237 shall establish an open and transparent process to review any contract
238 entered into under subparagraph (B)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this
239 subsection.

240 (j) No public official, state employee or candidate for public office, or
241 a member of any such person's staff or immediate family shall
242 knowingly accept any gift, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 1-79,
243 as amended by this act, from a person known to be a registrant or
244 anyone known to be acting on behalf of a registrant.

245 (k) No public official, spouse of the Governor or state employee shall
246 accept a fee or honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or for

247 participation at an event, in the public official's, spouse's or state
248 employee's official capacity, provided a public official, Governor's
249 spouse or state employee may receive payment or reimbursement for
250 necessary expenses for any such activity in his or her official capacity. If
251 a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee receives such a
252 payment or reimbursement for lodging or out-of-state travel, or both,
253 the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall, not later
254 than thirty days thereafter, file a report of the payment or
255 reimbursement with the Office of State Ethics, unless the payment or
256 reimbursement is provided by the federal government or another state
257 government. If a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee
258 does not file such report within such period, either intentionally or due
259 to gross negligence on the public official's, Governor's spouse's or state
260 employee's part, the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee
261 shall return the payment or reimbursement. If any failure to file such
262 report is not intentional or due to gross negligence on the part of the
263 public official, Governor's spouse or state employee, the public official,
264 Governor's spouse or state employee shall not be subject to any penalty
265 under this chapter. When a public official, Governor's spouse or state
266 employee attends an event in this state in the public official's,
267 Governor's spouse's or state employee's official capacity and as a
268 principal speaker at such event and receives admission to or food or
269 beverage at such event from the sponsor of the event, such admission or
270 food or beverage shall not be considered a gift and no report shall be
271 required from such public official, spouse or state employee or from the
272 sponsor of the event.

273 (l) No public official or state employee, or any person acting on behalf
274 of a public official or state employee, shall wilfully and knowingly
275 interfere with, influence, direct or solicit existing or new lobbying
276 contracts, agreements or business relationships for or on behalf of any
277 person.

278 (m) No public official or state employee shall knowingly accept,
279 directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 1-
280 79, as amended by this act, from any person the public official or state

281 employee knows or has reason to know: (1) Is doing business with or
282 seeking to do business with the department or agency in which the
283 public official or state employee is employed; (2) is engaged in activities
284 which are directly regulated by such department or agency; or (3) is
285 prequalified under section 4a-100. No person shall knowingly give,
286 directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts in violation of this provision. For
287 the purposes of this subsection, the exclusion to the term "gift" in
288 subparagraph (L) of subdivision (5) of section 1-79, as amended by this
289 act, for a gift for the celebration of a major life event shall not apply. Any
290 person prohibited from making a gift under this subsection shall report
291 to the Office of State Ethics any solicitation of a gift from such person by
292 a state employee or public official.

293 (n) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "investment services" means
294 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment
295 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or
296 brokerage firm services, and (B) "principal of an investment services
297 firm" means (i) an individual who is a director of or has an ownership
298 interest in an investment services firm, except for an individual who
299 owns less than five per cent of the shares of an investment services firm
300 which is a publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is
301 employed by an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or
302 executive or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an
303 investment services firm who has managerial or discretionary
304 responsibilities with respect to any investment services, (iv) the spouse
305 or dependent child of an individual described in this subparagraph, or
306 (v) a political committee established by or on behalf of an individual
307 described in this subparagraph.

308 (2) The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation, expenses or
309 fees or issue any contract to any firm which provides investment
310 services when (A) a political committee, as defined in section 9-601,
311 established by such firm, or (B) a principal of the investment services
312 firm has made a contribution, as defined in section 9-601a, to, or solicited
313 contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee or candidate
314 committee, as defined in section 9-601, established by the State

315 Treasurer as a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State
316 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation,
317 expenses or fees or issue any contract to such firms or principals during
318 the term of office as State Treasurer, including, for an incumbent State
319 Treasurer seeking reelection, any remainder of the current term of office.

320 (o) If (1) any person (A) is doing business with or seeking to do
321 business with the department or agency in which a public official or
322 state employee is employed, or (B) is engaged in activities which are
323 directly regulated by such department or agency, and (2) such person or
324 a representative of such person gives to such public official or state
325 employee anything having a value of more than [ten] twenty dollars,
326 such person or representative shall, not later than ten days thereafter,
327 give such recipient and the executive head of the recipient's department
328 or agency a written report stating the name of the donor, a description
329 of the item or items given, the value of such items and the cumulative
330 value of all items given to such recipient during that calendar year. The
331 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a political contribution
332 otherwise reported as required by law.

333 (p) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the
334 immediate family of a public official or state employee shall knowingly
335 accept, directly or indirectly, any gift costing one hundred dollars or
336 more from a public official or state employee who is under the
337 supervision of such public official or state employee.

338 (2) No public official or state employee or member of the immediate
339 family of a public official or state employee shall knowingly accept,
340 directly or indirectly, any gift costing one hundred dollars or more from
341 a public official or state employee who is a supervisor of such public
342 official or state employee.

343 (3) No public official or state employee shall knowingly give, directly
344 or indirectly, any gift in violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of this
345 subsection.

346 (q) No public official or state employee shall intentionally counsel,

347 authorize or otherwise sanction action that violates any provision of this
348 part.

349 (r) No public official or state employee shall use such official's public
350 office or such employee's position, or any confidential information
351 received through such official holding such public office or such
352 employee holding such position, for the purpose of facilitating the
353 employment, appointment, promotion, transfer, advancement of the
354 official's or employee's spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or
355 sister to a state office or position, or take any other action which furthers
356 the financial interest of the same, except as provided in subsection (t) of
357 this section. No public official or state employee shall supervise, manage
358 or participate in an action relating to the evaluation or discipline of such
359 official's or employee's spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or
360 sister, except as provided in subsection (t) of this section.

361 ~~[(r)]~~ (s) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c)
362 of this section, a member of the faculty or a member of a faculty
363 bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher
364 education may enter into a consulting agreement or engage in a research
365 project with a public or private entity, provided such agreement or
366 project does not conflict with the member's employment with the
367 constituent unit, as determined by policies established by the governing
368 board for such constituent unit.

369 (2) The governing board for each constituent unit of the state system
370 of higher education shall establish policies to ensure that any such
371 member who enters such a consulting agreement or engages in such a
372 research project (A) is not inappropriately using university proprietary
373 information in connection with such agreement or project, (B) does not
374 have an interest in such agreement or project that interferes with the
375 proper discharge of his or her employment with the constituent unit,
376 and (C) is not inappropriately using such member's association with the
377 constituent unit in connection with such agreement or project. Such
378 policies shall (i) establish procedures for the disclosure, review and
379 management of conflicts of interest relating to any such agreement or

380 project, (ii) require the approval by the chief academic officer of the
381 constituent unit, or his or her designee, prior to any such member
382 entering into any such agreement or engaging in any such project, and
383 (iii) include procedures that impose sanctions and penalties on any
384 member for failing to comply with the provisions of the policies.
385 Annually, the internal audit office of each constituent unit shall audit
386 the constituent unit's compliance with such policies and report its
387 findings to the committee of the constituent unit established pursuant
388 to subdivision (3) of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection,
389 "consulting" means the provision of services for compensation to a
390 public or private entity by a member of the faculty or member of a
391 faculty bargaining unit of a constituent unit of the state system of higher
392 education: (I) When the request to provide such services is based on
393 such member's expertise in a field or prominence in such field, and (II)
394 while such member is not acting in the capacity of a state employee, and
395 "research" means a systematic investigation, including, but not limited
396 to, research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop
397 or contribute to general knowledge in the applicable field of study.

398 (3) There is established a committee for each constituent unit of the
399 state system of higher education to monitor the constituent unit's
400 compliance with the policies and procedures described in subdivision
401 (2) of this subsection governing consulting agreements and research
402 projects with public or private entities by a member of the faculty or a
403 member of a faculty bargaining unit of such constituent unit. Each
404 committee shall consist of nine members as follows: (A) Three members,
405 appointed jointly by the Governor, the speaker of the House of
406 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority
407 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,
408 the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority
409 leader of the Senate, who shall serve as members for each such
410 committee; (B) one member appointed by the chairperson of the
411 constituent unit's governing board from the membership of such board;
412 (C) the chief academic officer of the constituent unit, or his or her
413 designee; (D) three members appointed by the chief executive officer of

414 the constituent unit; and (E) one member appointed by the chairperson
415 of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board from the membership of such
416 board. Members shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancies shall
417 be filled by the appointing authority. Each committee shall (i) review
418 the annual reports submitted by the internal audit office for the
419 constituent unit, pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, (ii) make
420 recommendations, annually, to the governing board of the constituent
421 unit concerning the policies and procedures of the constituent unit
422 established pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, including any
423 changes to such policies and procedures, and (iii) send a copy of such
424 recommendations, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint
425 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
426 matters relating to higher education and government administration.

427 (4) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall apply
428 to any member of the faculty or member of a faculty bargaining unit of
429 a constituent unit of the state system of higher education who enters
430 such a consulting agreement or engages in such a research project
431 without prior approval, as described in subdivision (2) of this
432 subsection.

433 [(s)] (t) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other
434 provision of this part, a state employee who is employed at a constituent
435 unit of the state system of higher education and a member of the
436 immediate family of such state employee may be employed in the same
437 department or division of such constituent unit, provided the
438 constituent unit has determined that procedures have been
439 implemented to ensure that any final decisions impacting the financial
440 interests of either such state employee, including decisions to hire,
441 promote, increase the compensation of or renew the employment of
442 such state employee, are made by another state employee who is not a
443 member of the immediate family of such state employee.

444 Sec. 4. Section 1-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the
445 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

446 (a) (1) For purposes of this section, "business with which the public
447 official or state employee is associated" has the same meaning as
448 "business with which he is associated", as provided in section 1-79, as
449 amended by this act.

450 (2) A public official, including an elected state official, or state
451 employee has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper
452 discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties or employment in
453 the public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's
454 responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, if [he] such official
455 or employee has reason to believe or expect that [he, his] any of the
456 following persons will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct
457 monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of such official's or
458 employee's official activity: The official or employee, or such official's or
459 employee's spouse, [a] dependent child, or [a business with which he is
460 associated will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary
461 loss, as the case may be, by reason of his official activity] nonstate
462 employer or the nonstate employer of the official's or employee's
463 spouse, or a business with which the public official or state employee is
464 associated, except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

465 (3) In the case of an elected state official, such official only has a
466 substantial conflict regarding a matter concerning such elected official's
467 nonstate employer or the nonstate employer of such official's spouse or
468 a business with which the official is associated, if such official has actual
469 knowledge, rather than has reason to believe or expect, that such
470 nonstate employer or business will derive a direct monetary gain or
471 suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of the official
472 activity of such official.

473 (4) A public official, including an elected state official, or state
474 employee does not have an interest which is in substantial conflict with
475 the proper discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties in the
476 public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's responsibilities
477 as prescribed by the laws of this state, if any benefit or detriment accrues
478 to [him, his] such official or employee, such official's or employee's

479 spouse, [a] dependent child [,] or nonstate employer, the nonstate
480 employer of the official's or employee's spouse or a business with which
481 [he, his spouse or such dependent child] the public official or state
482 employee is associated as a member of a profession, occupation or
483 group to no greater extent than any other member of such profession,
484 occupation or group. [A] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
485 section and subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 1-86, as amended
486 by this act, a public official, including an elected state official or state
487 employee who has a substantial conflict may not take official action on
488 the matter.

489 (b) If an elected state official has a substantial conflict regarding a
490 matter that concerns a direct monetary gain or direct monetary loss for
491 the nonstate employer of such official or the nonstate employer of such
492 official's spouse, such official shall either excuse himself or herself from
493 the matter or, prior to taking official action on the matter, prepare a
494 written statement, on a form prescribed by the Office of State Ethics and
495 signed under penalty of false statement, describing the matter requiring
496 action, the nature of the conflict and explaining why, despite the
497 conflict, such official is able to vote or otherwise participate fairly,
498 objectively and in the public interest in such matter. Such official shall
499 submit a copy of such statement to the Office of State Ethics and enter a
500 copy of the statement in the journal or minutes of the state agency to
501 which such official has been elected, or, if such agency does not have a
502 journal or minutes, submit the copy to such agency.

503 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 1-86 of the general statutes is repealed
504 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

505 (a) (1) For purposes of this section, "business with which such public
506 official or employee is associated" has the same meaning as "business
507 with which he is associated", as provided in section 1-79, as amended by
508 this act.

509 [(a)] (2) Any public official or state employee, other than an elected
510 state official, who, in the discharge of such official's or employee's

511 official duties, would be required to take an action that would affect a
512 financial interest of such official or employee, such official's or
513 employee's spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, [or] the spouse of a
514 child, nonstate employer, nonstate employer of the official's or
515 employee's spouse or a business with which such official or employee is
516 associated, other than an interest of a de minimis nature, an interest that
517 is not distinct from that of a substantial segment of the general public or
518 an interest in substantial conflict with the performance of official duties,
519 as defined in section 1-85, as amended by this act, has a potential conflict
520 of interest.

521 [Under such circumstances, such official or employee shall, if] (3) If
522 such official or employee is a member of a state regulatory agency, such
523 official or employee shall either excuse himself or herself from the
524 matter or, prior to taking official action on the matter, prepare a written
525 statement on a form prescribed by the Office of State Ethics and signed
526 under penalty of false statement, describing the matter requiring action
527 and the nature of the potential conflict and explaining why despite the
528 potential conflict, such official or employee is able to vote [and] or
529 otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest in such
530 matter. Such public official or state employee shall [deliver] submit a
531 copy of the statement to the Office of State Ethics and enter a copy of the
532 statement in the journal or minutes of the agency or, if such agency does
533 not have a journal or minutes, submit the copy to such agency.

534 (4) If such official or employee is not a member of a state regulatory
535 agency, [such official or employee shall,] in the case of either a
536 substantial or potential conflict [,] that would affect a financial interest
537 of such official or employee, such official's or employee's spouse, parent,
538 brother, sister, child or the spouse of a child or a business with which
539 such official or employee is associated, such official or employee shall
540 prepare a written statement signed under penalty of false statement
541 describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the conflict and
542 [deliver] submit a copy of the statement to such official's or employee's
543 immediate [superior] supervisor, if any, who shall assign the matter to
544 another employee, or if such official or employee has no immediate

545 [superior] supervisor, such official or employee shall take such steps as
546 the Office of State Ethics shall prescribe or advise.

547 (5) In the case of either a substantial or potential conflict that would
548 affect a financial interest of the official's or employee's nonstate
549 employer, or the nonstate employer of the official's or employee's
550 spouse, such official or employee shall either (A) excuse himself or
551 herself from the matter, or (B) prior to taking official action on the
552 matter, prepare a written statement on a form prescribed by the Office
553 of State Ethics and signed under penalty of false statement, describing
554 the matter requiring action and the nature of the conflict and either (i)
555 explaining why despite the conflict, such official or employee is able to
556 vote or otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest
557 in such matter, (ii) stating that the official or employee has been directed
558 to continue work on the matter by such official's or employee's
559 supervisor in the agency after disclosing the substantial or potential
560 conflict to such supervisor, or (iii) both. Such official or employee shall
561 submit a copy of the statement in the journal or minutes of the agency
562 or, if such agency does not have a journal or minutes, submit the copy
563 to such agency.

564 Sec. 6. Section 10a-8g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
565 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
566 *October 1, 2026*):

567 Not later than January 1, 2026, the Board of Regents for Higher
568 Education shall appoint a compliance officer. The duties of such officer
569 shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) conducting audits on a
570 regular basis of the records and expenditures at each constituent unit
571 and institution of higher education governed by said board and the
572 central office of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to
573 measure, as often as deemed necessary by such officer, (A) compliance
574 with applicable laws and regulations and policies adopted by said
575 board, (B) reliability of financial reporting and record-keeping, (C)
576 effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and (D) assessing the
577 adequacy and uniformity of internal controls and compliance practices

578 at each such institution and the central office; (2) reporting to said board
579 on the findings of such audit and assessment and making
580 recommendations for improvement; and (3) performing the audit
581 required pursuant to subsection [(r)] (s) of section 1-84, as amended by
582 this act.

583 Sec. 7. Subdivision (5) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is
584 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
585 *1, 2026*):

586 (5) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally
587 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in
588 return. "Gift" does not include:

589 (A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
590 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of
591 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

592 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided
593 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any
594 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention
595 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

596 (C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more
597 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

598 (D) A gift received from (i) an individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,
599 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such
600 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such
601 child;

602 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-
603 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)
604 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state
605 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency
606 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"
607 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property

608 leased to a state agency or quasi-public agency;

609 (F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than
610 [one] two hundred fifty dollars;

611 (G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general
612 public;

613 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state
614 action or functions;

615 (I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred
616 dollars in the aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed
617 on an occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or
618 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or [his] such person's representative,
619 is in attendance;

620 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred
621 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative
622 reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and
623 which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist
624 or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception
625 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also
626 been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or
627 is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization
628 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees
629 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the
630 calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar
631 limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by
632 the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the
633 reception;

634 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred
635 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to
636 which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state
637 are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year
638 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i)

639 a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed
640 to have also been hosted by the business organization which such
641 lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a
642 business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all
643 owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists.
644 In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-
645 hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food
646 and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably
647 expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of
648 the state" means the established geographic service area of the
649 organization hosting the reception;

650 (L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,
651 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,
652 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member
653 of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand five hundred
654 dollars in value;

655 (M) Gifts costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars in the
656 aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a
657 meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a
658 person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of
659 Connecticut;

660 (N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and
661 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel
662 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his
663 or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the
664 primary sponsoring entity;

665 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,
666 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state
667 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits
668 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar
669 circumstances;

670 (P) Anything having a value of not more than [ten] twenty dollars,

671 provided the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a
672 recipient under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed
673 [fifty] one hundred dollars;

674 (Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by
675 a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such
676 vendor;

677 (R) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits
678 customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a
679 student at a public institution of higher education whose employment
680 is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in
681 connection with bona fide employment discussions;

682 (S) Expenses of a public official, paid by the party committee of which
683 party such official is a member, for the purpose of accomplishing the
684 lawful purposes of the committee. As used in this subparagraph, "party
685 committee" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of
686 section 9-601 and "lawful purposes of the committee" has the same
687 meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-607; or

688 (T) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits
689 customarily provided in the course of employment, when provided to a
690 public member of the Investment Advisory Council established under
691 section 3-13b.

692 Sec. 8. Subdivision (6) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is
693 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
694 *1, 2026*):

695 (6) "Expenditure" means any advance, conveyance, deposit,
696 distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, unless expressly
697 excluded; any payments for telephone, mailing, postage, printing and
698 other clerical or office services and materials; any paid communications,
699 costing [fifty] one hundred dollars or more in any calendar year,
700 disseminated by means of any printing, broadcasting or other medium,
701 provided such communications refer to pending administrative or

702 legislative action; any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation;
703 any solicitation or solicitations, costing [fifty] one hundred dollars or
704 more in the aggregate for any calendar year, of other persons to
705 communicate with a public official or state employee for the purpose of
706 influencing any legislative or administrative act and any pledge,
707 subscription of money or anything of value. "Expenditure" does not
708 include (A) the payment of a registrant's fee pursuant to section 1-95, (B)
709 any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership,
710 organization, business, union, association or corporation for the
711 purpose of publishing a newsletter or other release intended primarily
712 for its members, shareholders or employees, whether in written or
713 electronic form or made orally during a regularly noticed meeting, (C)
714 any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership,
715 organization, business, union, association or corporation for the
716 purpose of transporting its members, shareholders or employees to or
717 from a specific site, where such members, shareholders or employees
718 received no other compensation or reimbursement for lobbying from
719 such club, committee, partnership, organization, business, union,
720 association or corporation, or (D) contributions, membership dues or
721 other fees paid to associations, nonstock corporations or tax-exempt
722 organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
723 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
724 States, as amended from time to time. [amended.]

725 Sec. 9. Subdivision (7) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is
726 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
727 *1, 2026*):

728 (7) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally
729 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in
730 return. "Gift" does not include:

731 (A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
732 a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection
733 (b) of section 9-601a;

734 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided
735 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any
736 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention
737 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

738 (C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more
739 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

740 (D) A gift received from (i) the individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,
741 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such
742 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such
743 child;

744 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-
745 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)
746 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state
747 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency
748 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"
749 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property
750 leased to a state or quasi-public agency;

751 (F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than
752 ~~one~~ two hundred fifty dollars;

753 (G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general
754 public;

755 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state
756 action or functions;

757 (I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than ~~fifty~~ one hundred
758 dollars in the aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed
759 on an occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or
760 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or ~~his~~ such person's representative,
761 is in attendance;

762 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than ~~fifty~~ one hundred
763 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative

764 reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and
765 which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist
766 or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception
767 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also
768 been hosted by the business organization which [he] such lobbyist owns
769 or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization
770 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees
771 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the
772 calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar
773 limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by
774 the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the
775 reception;

776 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred
777 dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to
778 which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state
779 are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year
780 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i)
781 a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed
782 to have also been hosted by the business organization which [he] such
783 lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a
784 business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all
785 owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists.
786 In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-
787 hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food
788 and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably
789 expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of
790 the state" means the established geographic service area of the
791 organization hosting the reception;

792 (L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,
793 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,
794 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member
795 of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand five hundred
796 dollars in value;

797 (M) Gifts costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars in the
798 aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a
799 meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a
800 person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of
801 Connecticut;

802 (N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and
803 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel
804 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his
805 or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the
806 primary sponsoring entity;

807 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,
808 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state
809 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits
810 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar
811 circumstances;

812 (P) Anything having a value of not more than [ten] twenty dollars,
813 provided the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a
814 recipient under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed
815 [fifty] one hundred dollars; or

816 (Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by
817 a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such
818 vendor.

819 Sec. 10. Subdivision (12) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is
820 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
821 *1, 2026*):

822 (12) "Lobbyist" means a person who in lobbying and in furtherance
823 of lobbying makes or agrees to make expenditures, or receives or agrees
824 to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, and such
825 compensation, reimbursement or expenditures are three thousand
826 dollars or more in any calendar year or the combined amount thereof is
827 three thousand dollars or more in any such calendar year. "Lobbyist"

828 does not include:

829 (A) A public official, employee of a branch of state government or a
830 subdivision thereof, including an official or employee of a quasi-public
831 agency, or elected or appointed official of a municipality or his or her
832 designee other than an independent contractor, who is acting within the
833 scope of his or her authority or employment;

834 (B) A publisher, owner or an employee of the press, radio or
835 television while disseminating news or editorial comment to the general
836 public in the ordinary course of business;

837 (C) An individual representing himself or herself or another person
838 before the legislature or a state agency other than for the purpose of
839 influencing legislative or administrative action;

840 (D) Any individual or employee who receives no compensation or
841 reimbursement specifically for lobbying and who limits his activities
842 solely to formal appearances to give testimony before public sessions of
843 committees of the General Assembly or public hearings of state agencies
844 and who, if he or she testifies, registers his or her appearance in the
845 records of such committees or agencies;

846 (E) A member of an advisory board acting within the scope of his or
847 her appointment;

848 (F) A senator or representative in Congress acting within the scope of
849 his or her office;

850 (G) Any person who receives no compensation or reimbursement
851 specifically for lobbying and who spends no more than five hours in
852 furtherance of lobbying unless such person (i) exclusive of salary,
853 receives compensation or makes expenditures, or both, of three
854 thousand dollars or more in any calendar year for lobbying or the
855 combined amount thereof is three thousand dollars or more in any such
856 calendar year, or (ii) expends [fifty] one hundred dollars or more for the
857 benefit of a public official in the legislative or executive branch, a

858 member of his or her staff or immediate family;

859 (H) A communicator lobbyist who receives or agrees to receive
860 compensation, reimbursement, or both, the aggregate amount of which
861 is less than three thousand dollars from each client in any calendar year.

862 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is
863 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
864 *1, 2026*):

865 (a) Each client lobbyist registrant shall file with the Office of State
866 Ethics between the first and tenth day of April, July and January a
867 financial report, signed under penalty of false statement. The April and
868 July reports shall cover its lobbying activities during the previous
869 calendar quarter and the January report shall cover its lobbying
870 activities during the previous two calendar quarters. In addition to such
871 reports, each client lobbyist registrant which attempts to influence
872 legislative action shall file, under penalty of false statement, interim
873 monthly reports of its lobbying activities for each month the General
874 Assembly is in regular session, except that no monthly report shall be
875 required for any month in which it neither expends nor agrees to expend
876 [one] two hundred fifty dollars or more in furtherance of lobbying. Such
877 interim monthly reports shall be filed with the Office of State Ethics no
878 later than the tenth day of the month following the last day of the month
879 reported. If the client lobbyist registrant is not an individual, an
880 authorized officer or agent of the client lobbyist registrant shall sign the
881 form. A communicator lobbyist for a municipality or any subdivision of
882 a municipality shall file the reports described in this subsection utilizing
883 the client lobbyist reporting schedule.

884 Sec. 12. Subsection (e) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is
885 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
886 *1, 2026*):

887 (e) Each client lobbyist registrant financial report shall be on a form
888 prescribed by the board and shall state expenditures made and the
889 fundamental terms of contracts, agreements or promises to pay

890 compensation or reimbursement or to make expenditures in furtherance
891 of lobbying. Any such fundamental terms shall be reported once in the
892 monthly, quarterly or post-termination report next following the
893 entering into of such contract. Such financial report shall include an
894 itemized statement of each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or more
895 per person for each occasion made by the reporting registrant or a group
896 of registrants which includes the reporting registrant for the benefit of a
897 public official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his
898 staff or immediate family, itemized by date, beneficiary, amount and
899 circumstances of the transaction. The requirement of an itemized
900 statement shall not apply to an expenditure made by a reporting
901 registrant or a group of registrants which includes the reporting
902 registrant for (1) the benefit of the members of the General Assembly at
903 an event that is a reception to which all such members are invited or all
904 members of a region of the state, as such term is used in subparagraph
905 (K) of subdivision (7) of section 1-91, as amended by this act, are invited,
906 unless the expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, or (2)
907 benefits personally and directly received by a public official or state
908 employee at a charitable or civic event at which the public official or
909 state employee participates in his official capacity, unless the
910 expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, per event. If the
911 compensation is required to be reported for an individual whose
912 lobbying is incidental to his or her regular employment, it shall be
913 sufficient to report a prorated amount based on the value of the time
914 devoted to lobbying. On the first financial report following registration
915 each client lobbyist registrant shall include any expenditures incident to
916 lobbying activities that were received or expended prior to registration
917 and not previously reported to the Office of State Ethics.

918 Sec. 13. Subsection (g) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is
919 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
920 *1, 2026*):

921 (g) Each former registrant shall (1) report receipts or expenditures
922 incident to lobbying activities during [his] such registrant's period of
923 registration which are received or expended following termination of

924 registration and (2) report each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or
 925 more per person for each occasion made by [him] such registrant for the
 926 benefit of a public official or a member of such official's immediate
 927 family or staff which occurs within six months after termination of
 928 registration.

929 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 1-96a of the general statutes is
 930 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 931 *1, 2026*):

932 (a) Each registrant shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills,
 933 receipts and other documents necessary to substantiate the financial
 934 reports required by section 1-96, as amended by this act, for a period of
 935 three years from the date of the filing of the report referring to such
 936 financial matters, provided this section shall apply to each expenditure
 937 for the benefit of a public official of [ten] twenty dollars or more and all
 938 other expenditures of [fifty] one hundred dollars or more.

939 Sec. 15. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the
 940 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

941 Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state
 942 employee [ten] twenty dollars or more for necessary expenses, as
 943 defined in section 1-79, as amended by this act, shall, within forty-five
 944 days of such payment or reimbursement, file a statement with the Office
 945 of State Ethics indicating the name of such individual and the amount
 946 of the expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-80(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-83(a) and (b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-84
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-85
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-86(a)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	10a-8g
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-79(5)

Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(6)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(7)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-91(12)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(e)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96(g)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96a(a)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-96e

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