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LCO No. 5872



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-81b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 The Office of State Ethics shall develop a plain language summary
4 of state ethics laws concerning (1) persons, firms and corporations
5 submitting bids or proposals for state contracts, and (2) state
6 contractors. The Office of State Ethics shall publish [said] such
7 summary on the Office of State Ethics' Internet web site.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-86d of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
10 *October 1, 2019*):

11 (a) Any public official or state employee who establishes a legal
12 defense fund, or for whom a legal defense fund has been established,
13 shall file a report on [said] such fund with the Office of State Ethics not
14 later than the tenth day of January, April, July and October. Each such

15 report shall include the following information for the preceding
16 calendar quarter: (1) The names of the directors and officers of the
17 fund, (2) the name of the depository institution for the fund, (3) an
18 itemized accounting of each contribution to the fund, including the full
19 name and complete address of each contributor and the amount of the
20 contribution, and (4) an itemized accounting of each expenditure,
21 including the full name and complete address of each payee and the
22 amount and purpose of the expenditure. The public official or state
23 employee shall sign each such report under penalty of false statement.
24 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person who
25 has made a contribution to a legal defense fund before June 3, 2004.

26 Sec. 3. Section 1-94 of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

28 A lobbyist shall register with the Office of State Ethics pursuant to
29 this part if [it or he] such lobbyist:

30 (1) Receives or agrees to receive compensation or reimbursement for
31 actual expenses, or both, in a combined amount of three thousand
32 dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying, whether that receipt of
33 compensation or reimbursement or agreement to receive such
34 compensation or reimbursement is solely for lobbying or the lobbying
35 is incidental to that person's regular employment; or

36 (2) Makes or incurs an obligation to make expenditures of three
37 thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	1-81b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	1-86d(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	1-94

GAE *Joint Favorable*