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1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 184 entitled “An act relating to establishing a State Ethics
4 Commission” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 * * * Former Legislators; Lobbying Restriction * * *

8 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 266 is amended to read:

9 § 266. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

10 * * *

11 (b) A legislator, for one year after leaving office, shall not be a lobbyist in
12 this State.

13 (c) As used in this section, “candidate’s committee,” “contribution,” and
14 “legislative leadership political committee” shall have the same meanings as in
15 17 V.S.A. § 2901 ~~chapter 61~~ chapter 61 (campaign finance).

16 * * * Former Executive Officers; Post-Employment Restrictions * * *

17 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 267 is added to read:

18 § 267. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS

19 (a) Prior participation while in State employ.

20 (1) An Executive officer, for one year after leaving office, shall not, for
21 pecuniary gain, be an advocate for any private entity before any public body or

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1 the General Assembly or its committees regarding any particular matter in
2 which:

3 (i) the State is a party or has a direct and substantial interest; and

4 (ii) the Executive officer had participated personally and
5 substantively while in State employ.

6 (2) The prohibition set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection applies
7 to any matter the Executive officer directly handled, supervised, or managed or
8 gave substantial input, advice, or comment or benefited from, either through
9 discussing, attending meetings on, or reviewing materials prepared regarding
10 the matter.

11 (b) Prior official responsibility. An Executive officer, for one year after
12 leaving office, shall not, for pecuniary gain, be an advocate for any private
13 entity before any public body or the General Assembly or its committees
14 regarding any particular matter in which the officer had exercised any official
15 responsibility.

16 (c) Public body enforcement. A public body shall disqualify a former
17 Executive officer from his or her appearance or participation in a particular
18 matter if the officer's appearance or participation is prohibited under this
19 section.

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1 (d) Definitions. As used in this section:

2 (1) “Executive officer” means:

3 (A) the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of
4 State, Auditor of Accounts, or Attorney General; or

5 (B) under the Office of the Governor, an agency secretary or deputy
6 or a department commissioner or deputy.

7 (2) “Private entity” means any person, corporation, partnership, joint
8 venture, or association, whether organized for profit or not for profit, except
9 one specifically chartered by the State of Vermont or that relies upon taxes for
10 at least 50 percent of its revenues.

11 (3) “Public body” means any agency, department, division, or office and
12 any board or commission of any such entity, or any independent board or
13 commission, in the Executive Branch of the State.

14 * * * State Office and Legislative Candidates; Disclosure Form * * *

15 **OPTION A** Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. § 2414 is added to read:

16 § 2414. CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICE;
17 DISCLOSURE FORM

18 (a) Each candidate for State office, State Senator, or State Representative
19 shall file with the Secretary of State along with his or her consent a disclosure
20 form prepared by the Secretary that contains the following information in
21 regard to the candidate’s previous calendar year:

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1 (1) Each source, but not amount, of employment income totaling
2 \$10,000.00 or more, the employer or business name and address, and if self-
3 employed, a description of the nature of the self-employment without needing
4 to disclose any individual clients.

5 (2) Any board, commission, association, or other entity on which the
6 candidate serves and a description of that position.

7 (3) Any company in which the candidate holds a controlling interest.

8 (b) The Secretary shall post a copy of any disclosure forms he or she
9 receives under this section on his or her official State website.

10 (c) A candidate who fails to file a disclosure form as required by this
11 section shall not have his or her name printed on the primary ballot, if
12 applicable, or on the general election ballot, except if the candidate wins the
13 primary as a write-in candidate, he or she shall have one week from the date of
14 the primary to file the disclosure form in order to be placed on the general
15 election ballot.

16 **OPTION B** Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. § 2414 is added to read:

17 § 2414. CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICE;

18 DISCLOSURE FORM

19 (a) Each candidate for State office, State Senator, or State Representative
20 shall file with the Secretary of State along with his or her consent a disclosure

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1 form prepared by the Secretary that contains the following information in
2 regard to the candidate’s previous calendar year:

3 (1) Each source, but not amount, of income totaling \$10,000.00 or more,
4 including any of the sources meeting that total described as follows:

5 (A) employment, including the employer or business name and
6 address, and if self-employed, a description of the nature of the self-
7 employment without needing to disclose any individual clients;

8 (B) aggregated investment income, described generally as
9 “investments”; and

10 (C) a lease or contract with the State held or entered into by the
11 candidate or a company in which the candidate holds a controlling interest.

12 (2) Any board, commission, association, or other entity on which the
13 candidate serves and a description of that position.

14 (3) Any company in which the candidate holds a controlling interest.

15 (b) The Secretary shall post a copy of any disclosure forms he or she
16 receives under this section on his or her official State website.

17 (c) A candidate who fails to file a disclosure form as required by this
18 section shall not have his or her name printed on the primary ballot, if
19 applicable, or the general election ballot, except if the candidate wins the
20 primary as a write-in candidate, he or she shall have one week from the date of

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1 the primary to file the disclosure form in order to be placed on the general
2 election ballot.

3 * * * Campaign Finance; Contribution Restrictions from Contractors * * *

4 Sec. 4. 17 V.S.A. § 2950 is added to read:

5 § 2950. STATE OFFICERS AND STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES;

6 CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS FROM CONTRACTORS

7 (a)(1)(A) A person who bids for or enters into a contract with the office of
8 a State officer or with the State on behalf of that office, or that person’s
9 principal, shall not make a contribution to a candidate for that State office or to
10 that State officer.

11 (B) The candidate for State office or the State officer shall not solicit
12 or accept a contribution from such persons if that candidate or State officer
13 knows the person is prohibited from making that contribution under this
14 subdivision (1).

15 (2) The prohibitions set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall
16 be limited to a period beginning from any bid for the contract and any entrance
17 into the contract and ending with the rejection of the bid or the completion of
18 the contract, as applicable.

19 (b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, a “person’s principal” means
20 an individual who:

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1 Sec. 6. 17 V.S.A. § 2904a is added to read:

2 § 2904a. REPORTS TO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

3 Upon his or her receipt of a complaint made in regard to a violation of this
4 chapter or of any rule made pursuant to this chapter, or upon his or her
5 investigation of such an alleged violation without receiving a complaint, the
6 Attorney General or a State’s Attorney shall:

7 (1) Forward a copy of the complaint or a description of the investigation
8 to the State Ethics Commission established in 3 V.S.A. chapter 31. The
9 Attorney General or State’s Attorney shall provide this information to the
10 Commission within 10 days of his or her receipt of the complaint or the start of
11 the investigation.

12 (2) Report to the Commission regarding his or her decision as to
13 whether to bring an enforcement action as a result of that complaint or
14 investigation. The Attorney General or State’s Attorney shall make this report
15 within 10 days of that decision.

16 Sec. 7. 3 V.S.A. Part 1, chapter 31 is added to read:

17 CHAPTER 31. GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS

18 Subchapter 1. General Provisions

19 § 1201. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

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1 (1) “Candidate” and “candidate’s committee” shall have the same
2 meanings as in 17 V.S.A. § 2901.

3 (2) “Commission” means the State Ethics Commission established
4 under subchapter 3 of this chapter.

5 (3) “Executive officer” means:

6 (A) a State officer; or

7 (B) under the Office of the Governor, an agency secretary or deputy
8 or a department commissioner or deputy.

9 (4) “Lobbyist” shall have the same meaning as in 2 V.S.A. § 261.

10 (5) “Political committee” and “political party” shall have the same
11 meanings as in 17 V.S.A. § 2901.

12 (6) “State officer” means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer,
13 Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, or Attorney General.

14 § 1202. STATE CODE OF ETHICS

15 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall create and maintain a State
16 Code of Ethics in accordance with 3 V.S.A. § 315.

17 (b) In consultation with the Commissioner of Human Resources, each State
18 officer may supplement the State Code of Ethics for the specific needs of his or
19 her office.

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1 Subchapter 2. Disclosures

2 **OPTION A** § 1211. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; BIENNIAL DISCLOSURE

3 (a) Biennially, each Executive officer shall file with the State Ethics
4 Commission a disclosure form that contains the following information in
5 regard to the officer's previous calendar year:

6 (1) Each source, but not amount, of employment income totaling
7 \$10,000.00 or more, the employer or business name and address, and if self-
8 employed, a description of the nature of the self-employment without needing
9 to disclose any individual clients.

10 (2) Any board, commission, association, or other entity on which the
11 officer serves and a description of that position.

12 (3) Any company in which the officer holds a controlling interest.

13 (b) An officer shall file his or her disclosure on or before January 15 of the
14 odd-numbered year or, if he or she is appointed after January 15, within 10
15 days after that appointment.

16 **OPTION B** § 1211. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; BIENNIAL DISCLOSURE

17 (a) Biennially, each Executive officer shall file with the State Ethics
18 Commission a disclosure form that contains the following information in
19 regard to the officer's previous calendar year:

20 (1) Each source, but not amount, of income totaling \$10,000.00 or more,
21 including any of the sources meeting that total described as follows:

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1 (A) employment, including the employer or business name and
2 address, and if self-employed, a description of the nature of the self-
3 employment without needing to disclose any individual clients;

4 (B) aggregated investment income, described generally as
5 “investments”; and

6 (C) a lease or contract with the State held or entered into by the
7 officer or a company in which the officer holds a controlling interest.

8 (2) Any board, commission, association, or other entity on which the
9 officer serves and a description of that position.

10 (3) Any company in which the officer holds a controlling interest.

11 (b) An officer shall file his or her disclosure on or before January 15 of the
12 odd-numbered year or, if he or she is appointed after January 15, within 10
13 days after that appointment.

14 § 1212. COMMISSION MEMBERS; BIENNIAL DISCLOSURE

15 (a) Biennially, each member of the State Ethics Commission shall file with
16 the Executive Director of the Commission a disclosure form that contains the
17 information that Executive officers are required to disclose under section 1211
18 of this subchapter.

19 (b) A member shall file his or her disclosure on or before January 15 of the
20 first year of his or her appointment or, if the member is appointed after January

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1 15, within 10 days after that appointment, and shall file subsequent disclosures
2 biennially thereafter.

3 § 1213. DISCLOSURES; GENERALLY

4 (a) The Executive Director of the Commission shall prepare on behalf of
5 the Commission any disclosure form required to be filed with it, and shall
6 make those forms available on the Commission's website.

7 (b) Any person required to file a disclosure with the Commission shall sign
8 it and declare that it is made under the penalties of perjury.

9 (c) The Executive Director shall post a copy of any disclosure form the
10 Commission receives on the Commission's website.

11 Subchapter 3. State Ethics Commission

12 § 1221. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

13 (a) Creation. There is created within the Executive Branch an independent
14 commission named the State Ethics Commission to accept, review, make
15 referrals regarding, and track complaints of alleged violations of the State Code
16 of Ethics, of governmental conduct regulated by law, or of the State's
17 campaign finance law set forth in 17 V.S.A. chapter 61; to provide ethics
18 training; and to issue advisory opinions regarding ethical conduct.

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1 (b) Membership.

2 (1) The Commission shall be composed of the following five members:

3 (A) a chair of the Commission, who shall be appointed by the Chief
4 Justice of the Supreme Court;

5 (B) one member appointed by the Vermont chapter of the American
6 Civil Liberties Union;

7 (C) one member appointed by the League of Women Voters of
8 Vermont;

9 (D) one member appointed by the Vermont Bar Association; and

10 (E) one member appointed by the Executive Director of the Human
11 Rights Commission.

12 (2) A member shall not:

13 (A) hold any office in the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Branch
14 of State government or otherwise be employed by the State;

15 (B) hold or enter into any lease or contract with the State, or have a
16 controlling interest in a company that holds or enters into a lease or contract
17 with the State;

18 (C) be a lobbyist;

19 (D) be a candidate; or

20 (E) hold any office in a candidate's committee, a political committee,
21 or a political party.

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1 (3) A member may be removed for cause by the remaining members
2 of the Commission in accordance with the Vermont Administrative
3 Procedure Act.

4 (4)(A) A member shall serve a term of three years and until a successor
5 is appointed. A term shall begin on January 1 of the year of appointment and
6 run through December 31 of the last year of the term. Terms of members shall
7 be staggered so that not all terms expire at the same time.

8 (B) A vacancy created before the expiration of a term shall be filled
9 in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the
10 term.

11 (C) A member shall not serve more than two terms. A member
12 appointed to fill a vacancy created before the expiration of a term shall not be
13 deemed to have served a term for the purpose of this subdivision (C).

14 (c) Executive Director.

15 (1) The Commission shall be staffed by an Executive Director, who
16 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Commission and who
17 shall be a part-time exempt State employee.

18 (2) The Executive Director shall provide administrative support as
19 requested by the Commission, in addition to any other duties required by this
20 chapter.

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1 (d) Confidentiality. The Commission and the Executive Director shall
2 maintain the confidentiality required by this chapter.

3 (e) Meetings. Meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chair and
4 shall be called upon the request of any other two Commission members.

5 (f) Reimbursement. Each member of the Commission shall be entitled to
6 per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
7 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

8 § 1222. COMMISSION MEMBER DUTIES AND PROHIBITED

9 CONDUCT

10 (a) Conflicts of interest.

11 (1) Prohibition; recusal.

12 (A) A Commission member shall not participate in any Commission
13 matter in which he or she has a conflict of interest and shall recuse himself or
14 herself from participation in that matter.

15 (B) The failure of a Commission member to recuse himself or herself
16 as described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (1) may be grounds for the
17 Commission to discipline or remove that member.

18 (2) Disclosure of conflict of interest.

19 (A) A Commission member who has reason to believe he or she has a
20 conflict of interest in a Commission matter shall disclose that he or she has that
21 belief and disclose the nature of the conflict of interest. Alternatively, a

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1 Commission member may request that another Commission member recuse
2 himself or herself from a Commission matter due to a conflict of interest.

3 (B) Once there has been a disclosure of a member’s conflict of
4 interest, members of the Commission shall be afforded the opportunity to ask
5 questions or make comments about the situation and, if appropriate, enter into
6 executive session to address the conflict.

7 (3) Postrecusal procedure. A Commission member who has recused
8 himself or herself from participating on a Commission matter shall not sit or
9 deliberate with the Commission on that matter or otherwise act as a
10 Commission member on that matter, but may participate in that matter as a
11 member of the public.

12 (4) Definition. As used in this subsection, “conflict of interest” means
13 an interest of a member that is in conflict with the proper discharge of his or
14 her official duties due to a significant personal or financial interest of the
15 member, a person within the member’s immediate family, or the member’s
16 business associate. “Conflict of interest” does not include any interest that is
17 not greater than that of any other persons generally affected by the outcome of
18 a matter.

19 (b) Gifts. A Commission member shall not accept a gift given by virtue of
20 his or her membership on the Commission.

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1 § 1223. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS

2 (a) Accepting complaints. On behalf of the Commission, the Executive
3 Director shall accept complaints from any source regarding alleged violations
4 of the State Code of Ethics, of governmental conduct regulated by law, or of
5 the State’s campaign finance law set forth in 17 V.S.A. chapter 61.

6 (b) Preliminary review by Executive Director. The Executive Director
7 shall conduct a preliminary review of complaints made to the Commission in
8 order to take action as set forth in this subsection.

9 (1) State Code of Ethics.

10 (A) If the complaint alleges a violation of the State Code of Ethics,
11 the Executive Director shall refer the complaint to the Commissioner of
12 Human Resources.

13 (B) The Commissioner shall report back to the Executive Director
14 regarding the final disposition of a complaint referred under this
15 subdivision (A) within 10 days of that final disposition.

16 (2) Governmental conduct regulated by law. If the Executive Director
17 finds that a State officer or employee may have committed a violation of
18 governmental conduct regulated by law, that a former legislator may have
19 violated 2 V.S.A. § 266(b), or that a former Executive officer may have
20 violated 3 V.S.A. § 267, the Executive Director shall submit the complaint to
21 the Commission for its review.

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1 (3) Campaign finance.

2 (A) If the complaint alleges a violation of campaign finance law, the
3 Executive Director shall refer the complaint to the Attorney General or to the
4 State’s Attorney of jurisdiction, as appropriate.

5 (B) The Attorney General or State’s Attorney shall report back to the
6 Executive Director regarding his or her decision as to whether to bring an
7 enforcement action as a result of a complaint referred under this
8 subdivision (C) as set forth in 17 V.S.A. § 2904a.

9 (4) Closures. The Executive Director shall close any complaint that he
10 or she does not submit or refer as set forth in subdivisions (1)-(3) of this
11 subsection.

12 (c) Commission reviews and referrals.

13 (1) For any complaint regarding an alleged violation of governmental
14 conduct regulated by law that the Executive Director submits to it under
15 subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the Commission shall meet in executive
16 session to review the complaint.

17 (2)(A) If, after its review, the Commission finds that there may have
18 been a violation of governmental conduct regulated by law, it shall refer the
19 complaint to the Attorney General and the State’s Attorney of jurisdiction.

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1 (B) If, after its review, the Commission finds that there has not been
2 a violation of governmental conduct regulated by law, it shall close the
3 complaint.

4 (d) Confidentiality. Complaints that are closed shall be exempt from public
5 inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and kept confidential.

6 § 1224. COMMISSION ETHICS TRAINING

7 At least annually, in collaboration with the Department of Human
8 Resources, the Commission shall make available to legislators, State officers,
9 and State employees training on issues related to governmental ethics.

10 § 1225. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADVISORY OPINIONS

11 (a)(1) The Executive Director may issue to an Executive officer or other
12 State employee, upon his or her request, an advisory opinion regarding any
13 provision of this chapter or any issue related to governmental ethics.

14 (2) The Executive Director may consult with individual members of the
15 Commission in preparing an advisory opinion.

16 (b) An advisory opinion issued under this section shall be exempt from
17 public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and kept
18 confidential.

19 § 1226. COMMISSION REPORTS

20 Annually, on or before January 15, the Commission shall report to the
21 General Assembly regarding the following issues:

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1 (1) Complaints. The number and a summary of the complaints made to
2 it, separating the complaints by topic, and the disposition of those complaints,
3 including any prosecution, enforcement action, or dismissal. This summary of
4 complaints shall not include any personal identifying information.

5 (2) Advisory opinions. The number and a summary of the advisory
6 opinions the Executive Director issued, separating the opinions by topic.

7 (3) Recommendations. Any recommendations for legislative action to
8 address governmental ethics or provisions of campaign finance law.

9 * * * Implementation * * *

10 Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS

11 The provisions of Secs. 1 and 2 of this act that restrict employment shall not
12 apply to any employment in effect on the effective date of this act.

13 Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; STATE CODE OF
14 ETHICS CREATION

15 The Department of Human Resources shall create the State Code of Ethics
16 described in 3 V.S.A. § 1202 in Sec. 7 of this act on or before January 1, 2017.

17 Sec. 10. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

18 (a) The State Ethics Commission, created in Sec. 7 of this act, is
19 established on January 1, 2017.

20 (b) Members of the Commission shall be appointed on or before
21 October 15, 2016 in order to prepare as they deem necessary for the

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1 establishment of the Commission, including the hiring of the Commission's
2 Executive Director. Terms of members shall officially begin on
3 January 1, 2017.

4 (c)(1) In order to stagger the terms of the members of the State Ethics
5 Commission as described in 3 V.S.A. § 1221(b)(4)(A), in Sec. 7 of this act, the
6 initial terms of those members shall be as follows:

7 (A) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint the Chair
8 for a three-year term;

9 (B) The Vermont chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union shall
10 appoint a member for a two-year term;

11 (C) The League of Women Voters of Vermont shall appoint a
12 member for a one-year term;

13 (D) The Vermont Bar Association shall appoint a member for a
14 three-year term; and

15 (E) The Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission shall
16 appoint a member for a two-year term.

17 (2) After the expiration of the initial terms set forth in subdivision (1) of
18 this subsection, Commission member terms shall be as set forth in
19 3 V.S.A. § 1221(b)(4)(A) in Sec. 7 of this act.

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1 Sec. 11. CREATION OF STAFF POSITION FOR STATE ETHICS

2 COMMISSION

3 (a) One (1) part-time exempt Executive Director position is created in the
4 State Ethics Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this act by using an existing
5 position in the position pool.

6 (b) The amount of \$1.00 is appropriated to fund the position described in
7 subsection (a) of this section.

8 Sec. 12. 3 V.S.A. § 260 is amended to read:

9 § 260. LOCATION OF OFFICES

10 * * *

11 (c) The principal office of each of the following boards and divisions shall
12 be located in Montpelier: Aeronautics Board, Division for Historic
13 Preservation, Board of Libraries, ~~and~~ Division of Recreation, and State Ethics
14 Commission.

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16 Sec. 13. BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; SPACE ALLOCATION

17 The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall allocate space
18 for the State Ethics Commission established in Sec. 7 of this act in accordance
19 with 3 V.S.A. § 260 set forth in Sec. 11 of this act. This space shall be
20 allocated on or before October 15, 2016.

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1 * * * Municipal Conflicts of Interest * * *

2 Sec. 14. GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION; ISSUES

3 RELATING TO ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN

4 MUNICIPALITIES

5 (a) The General Assembly recommends that municipalities use existing
6 statutory authority to address municipal issues relating to ethics and conflicts
7 of interest. Provisions of law addressing those issues include the following:

8 (1) 24 V.S.A. § 1202, regarding the ability of a local board to use the
9 Municipal Administrative Procedure Act set forth in 24 V.S.A. chapter 36,
10 which includes compliance with 12 V.S.A. § 61(a), regarding disqualifications
11 for interest for persons acting in a judicial capacity;

12 (2) 24 V.S.A. § 1984, regarding the ability of the voters of a town, city,
13 or incorporated village to adopt a conflict of interest policy for their elected
14 and appointed officials;

15 (3) 24 V.S.A. § 2291(20), regarding the ability of a town, city, or
16 incorporated village to establish a conflict of interest policy to apply to all
17 elected or appointed officials in the municipality; and

18 (4) 24 V.S.A. § 4461(a), regarding the requirement that an appropriate
19 municipal panel adopt rules of ethics with respect to conflicts of interest as part
20 of its development review procedure.

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1 (b) On or before January 1, 2017, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
2 shall report to the General Assembly on the number of towns that are using the
3 statutory authority described in subsection (a) of this section, and which of
4 those authorities are used.

5 * * * Effective Dates * * *

6 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

7 This act shall take effect as follows:

8 (1) The following sections shall take effect on July 1, 2016:

9 (A) Sec. 1, 2 V.S.A. § 266 (former legislators; lobbying; prohibited
10 employment);

11 (B) Sec. 2, 3 V.S.A. § 267 (former Executive officers; prohibited
12 employment); and

13 (C) Sec. 4, 17 V.S.A. § 2950 (State officers and State office
14 candidates; contribution restrictions from contractors).

15 (2) The following sections shall take effect on January 1, 2017:

16 (A) Sec. 6, 17 V.S.A. § 2904a (Attorney General or State’s Attorney;
17 campaign finance; reports to State Ethics Commission); and

18 (B) Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. Part 1, chapter 31 (governmental ethics).

19 (3) Sec. 3, 17 V.S.A. § 2414 (candidates for State and legislative office;
20 disclosure form) shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

21 (4) This section and all other sections shall take effect on passage.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

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