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Boutin of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of

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Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Critchlow of Colchester, Eastes

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of Guilford, Gregoire of Fairfield, Headrick of Burlington,

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Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Malay of

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Pittsford, North of Ferrisburgh, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of

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Lyndon, Sweeney of Shelburne, Taylor of Milton, and Wells of

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Brownington

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Executive; governmental ethics; disclosures; travel disclosures

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Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require public

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servants to file with the Ethics Commission disclosures detailing costs and

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associated information for any travel made in course of the public servant's

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official capacity or because of the public servant's status as a public servant.

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An act relating to travel disclosures for public servants

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It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 1214 is added to read:

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**§ 1214. PUBLIC SERVANTS; TRAVEL DISCLOSURES**

1        (a) A public servant shall file with the Ethics Commission a disclosure  
2        detailing costs and associated information for any travel made in course of the  
3        public servant's official capacity or because of the public servant's status as a  
4        public servant. As used in this section, traveling "because of a public servant's  
5        status" means that the travel would not have likely occurred but for the public  
6        servant's status as a public servant.

7        (b) A public servant shall disclose and designate:  
8            (1) whether the travel was purely in the public servant's official capacity  
9            or a mixture of official and private purposes;

10            (2) any destination of travel, including any stopover or intentional visit  
11            to another location prior to the destination of travel;

12            (3) the declared purpose of the travel;  
13            (4) all costs associated with transportation to and from any destination,  
14            and food, refreshments, tickets and admissions, entertainment, lodging, and  
15            anything else of value, whether for cost or in-kind, associated with the travel;

16            (5) which elements of associated travel costs were paid for or provided  
17            by:

18            (A) the State;  
19            (B) the public servant's own person; or  
20            (C) any other sources, including associations, lobbyists, political  
21            committees and parties, and individuals; and

1                   (6) an attestation to the veracity and completeness of the disclosed  
2                   information.

3                   (c) A public servant shall file the disclosure with the Ethics Commission  
4                   within 30 calendar days after beginning the travel. If travel continues for more  
5                   than 30 calendar days, the public servant shall supplement the disclosure on a  
6                   weekly basis.

7                   (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a)–(c) of this section, a public servant  
8                   shall not file a disclosure for any travel that constitutes regular commuting to  
9                   and from the public servant's official place or places of work.

10                  Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11                  This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.