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## MEMORANDUM

To: Vermont State Senate

From: Senate Ethics Panel

Date: December 31, 2024

Subject: 2023-2024 Senate Ethics Panel Report

## Senate Rule 102(d) provides:

(d) At the end of each biennium, the Ethics panel shall report to the Senate the number of complaints filed and the disposition of those complaints.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 102(d), the Senate Ethics Panel reports that it received seven complaints during the 2023-2024 Biennium. Of those complaints:

One complaint, which was referred to the Panel by the State Ethics Commission, was referred to the Senate Sexual Harassment Panel per Senate Rule 102(a).

Four complaints, three of which were referred to the Panel from the State Ethics Commission, were dismissed and closed by the panel after preliminary review determined that there was not probable cause to believe that an ethical violation pertaining to the Vermont Constitution or Senate Rules had occurred.

Two complaints, referred from the Ethics Commission on October 20, 2024, were taken up by the Panel, and the decision was made to keep these files open for possible further consideration by the Ethics Panel of the 2025-2026 Biennium.