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S 0202 General Bill, By Sheheen

Summary: State Ethics Commission

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(9) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OR STAFF, INCLUDING STAFF ELECTED TO SERVE AS OFFICERS OF OR CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MUST BE FILED WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(D), TO PROVIDE THAT A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE REGARDING A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED BY THE COMMISSION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR DISPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(I), TO PROVIDE THAT A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE REGARDING A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR DISPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-510, TO PROVIDE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES MUST EACH BE COMPRISED OF TEN MEMBERS WITH FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY AND FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE MINORITY PARTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-520, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A COMPILATION OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN ITS ADVISORY OPINIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF EACH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AND THE DISPOSITION OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1317, TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE ANNUAL REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1341, TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP POLITICAL ACTIONS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755, TO PROVIDE THAT FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT LOBBY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER LEAVING OFFICE; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING ARTICLE 12, TO REQUIRE ANNUAL PERSONAL FINANCE DISCLOSURES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING DEADLINE, THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED, PENALTIES, AND FOR THE DISPOSITION OF INADVERTENT AND UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATIONS.

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