

AGENCY NAME:	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION		
AGENCY CODE:	R520	SECTION:	110

Fiscal Year 2020–2021 Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following online forms:

- Reorganization and Compliance
- Strategic Plan Results
- Strategic Plan Development
- Legal
- Services
- Partnerships
- Report or Review

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency’s budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR (SIGN AND DATE):	Signature on file.
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Meghan Walker

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR (SIGN AND DATE):	Signature on file.
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Childs Thrasher

FY 2020-2021 Agency Accountability Report
Reorganization and Compliance Responses:

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Agency Mission

The State Ethics Commission is the agency of state government responsible for the enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991 and all other subsequent ethics legislation adopted by the General Assembly. Our mission is to work diligently to develop and enhance public trust in all levels of government. The Commission's legislative mandate is to monitor and take appropriate action to ensure compliance with state law that requires financial disclosure, lobbyist/lobbyist's principal disclosure and campaign disclosure; administrate and regulate lobbyist and lobbying organizations; issue advisory opinions explaining and interpreting ethics legislation; assist and advise public officeholders and the public on the specific requirements addressed in the state's ethics laws; conduct both civil and criminal investigations of alleged violations of laws subject to the jurisdiction of the state Ethics Commission; and prosecute violators through formal administrative proceedings as well appropriate use of criminal enforcement actions.

Adopted in: 1991

Agency Vision

The State Ethics Commission seeks to enhance public trust in the integrity of state government. As such, the Commission must fairly and impartially enforce the Ethics Reform Act of 1991. In addition to enforcement, the Commission seeks to reduce the number of individuals who run afoul of the Ethics Reform Act by offering extensive trainings to public officials, members and employees throughout the state. Essential to training is the issuance of Advisory Opinions which offer guidance and analysis to persons subject to the Ethics. South Carolinians have a right to be fully informed as to the financial interest of persons representing them and the Commission is committed to maintaining open, accessible financial records for all mandated filers running for office.

Adopted in: 2018

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change.

No

Please list significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY 2020-2021.

Month Started	Month Ended	Description of Event	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts

Does the agency intend to make any other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in FY 2021-22?

Note: It is not recommended that agencies plan major reorganization projects every year. This section should remain blank unless there is a need for reorganization.

No

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20.

Yes

If not, please explain why.

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Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 20-1-10 through 20-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).

Yes

Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?

Yes

Please list the law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations.

8-13-320(12).

Has the agency promulgated any regulations?

Yes

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-22-120(J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?

No

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State Ethics Commission – Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Agency Narrative

During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the State Ethics Commission was able to achieve its mandate of enforcing the Ethics Reform Act (the Act) despite hurdles posed by COVID-19. Over the course of the year, the agency implemented virtual hearings, meetings, and trainings – allowing the agency to resolve ethics complaints and provide ethics training to public officials, public members and public employees while following COVID guidelines.

The State Ethics Commission has four departments charged with enforcing the Act. The disclosures department assists required filers with their filings, the non-compliance department levies fines and penalties when required filers fail to file required filings or file required filings after the statutorily established deadline, the investigation department investigates complaints, and the legal department represents the Commission during hearings and provides advisory opinions when appropriate.

The majority of all complaints opened during the fiscal year were presented for probable cause within six months of their assignment. Likewise, a majority of all cases upon which probable cause was found were resolved within six months of the probable cause finding. Increasing the efficiency with which cases are resolved allows for greater accountability and transparency.

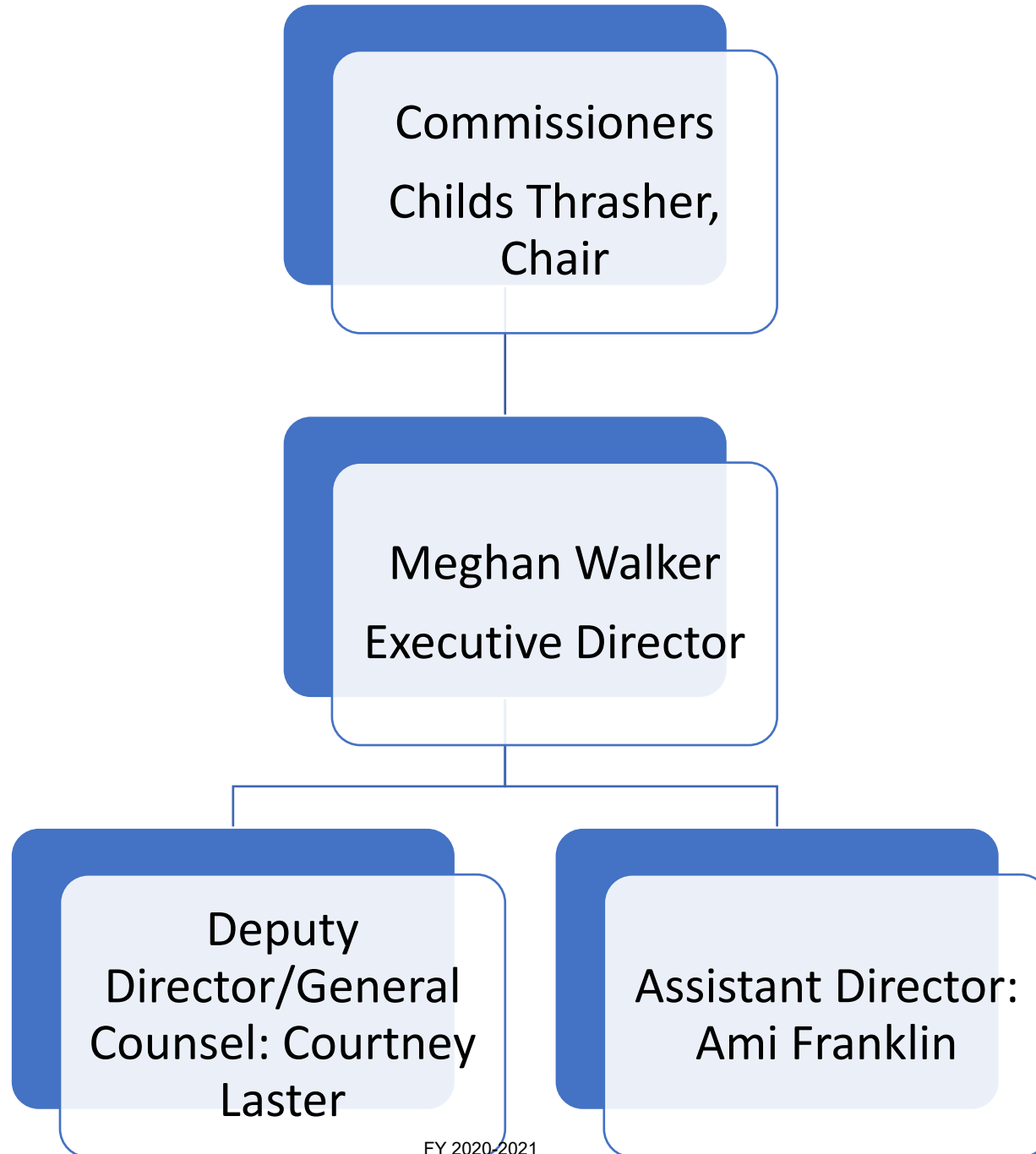
The Commission received 22,579 filed statements during the fiscal year, including 9,433 Statements of Economic Interests, 7,387 Campaign Disclosures, 2,044 Lobbyist and Lobbyist Principal Registrations, 2,418 Lobbyist Disclosure Reports and 1,286 Lobbyist Principal Disclosure Reports. Required filers are offered a great deal of assistance from Commission staff; during the fiscal year, staff fielded over 5,000 calls and countless emails from required filers requesting filing assistance.

In addition to assistance with filings, individuals who are subject to the Act can attend ethics trainings and request advisory opinions. Commission staff issued 75 advisory opinions and trained 877 persons subject to the Act. In cooperation with local election offices, the Commission has implemented New Candidate Training. New Candidate Training offers virtual trainings geared towards teaching the basics of campaign finance and disclosure laws – these trainings have been well received by candidates and will, hopefully, result in fewer enforcement efforts in the coming years.

The Commission has continued to work with the House and Senate Ethics Committees to launch an updated Public Accountability and Reporting Disclosure System. The new system will be launched during the 2021-2022 fiscal year and will afford users a more user-friendly experience. The system will include video tutorials as well as push reminders of filing deadlines. This goal of this new system is to decrease both future enforcement efforts and requests for filing assistance.

In addition to carrying out the agency’s mission, the Commission participated in Legislative Oversight. During this intensive process, Commission staff was able to identify areas requiring improvement and implement those improvements. The staff looks forward to completing oversight and

Lastly, the Commission did not experience a technological or security breach during the fiscal year.



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Budget Responses:**

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State Funded Program Number	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	FY 2020-21 Expenditures (Actual)				FY 2021-22 Expenditures (Projected)			
			General	Other	Federal	TOTAL	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL
0100.000000.000	Administration	Funding source for carrying out the investigation and enforcement of the Commission's statutory mandate to include compliance with financial disclosure, lobbyists/lobbyists' principal disclosure, campaign disclosure and rules of conduct. The mandate also includes regulating lobbying; issuing advisory opinions interpreting the Ethics Reform Act and finally educating covered individuals, entities and the public on the requirements of the Ethics Reform Act.	\$1,033,281.00	\$302,879.00	\$29,402.00	\$1,365,562.00	\$1,258,185.00	\$473,048.00		\$1,731,233.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Retirement and other benefits.	\$350,355.00	\$62,404.00		\$412,759.00	\$392,463.00	\$44,460.00		\$436,923.00

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Legal Responses:

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Description	Purpose	Law Number	Jurisdiction	Type	Notes
Lobbyist's reporting of lobbying activities.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-30	State	Statute	
Lobbyist's principal's reporting of lobbying expenditures	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-35	State	Statute	
Report of lobbying activities of state agency or department.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-40	State	Statute	
Reports required of certain entitites which rank or rate actions, votes or failures to act or vote of certain public officials.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-45	State	Statute	
State Ethics Commission to enforce filing requirements of chapter and to assess penalties for failure to file; filing of required reports and payment of fine constitutes compliance; payment of fine without filing not to excuse or exempt person from filing requirements.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-50	State	Statute	
Duties of State Ethics Commission.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-60	State	Statute	
Review of reports for compliance; audits of lobbyists and principals; procedure upon failure to file required information after notice.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-65	State	Statute	
Repealed July 1, 1993.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-70	State	Statute	
Acts prohibited of lobbyists; acts prohibited of public officials and employees; exceptions.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-80	State	Statute	
Acts prohibited of lobbyists' principals; acts prohibited of public officials and employees; exceptions; disclosure requirements.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-90	State	Statute	
Transfer of Duties and powers from Secretary of State to State Ethics Commission.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-5	State	Statute	
Definitions	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-10	State	Statute	
Persons prohibited from serving as lobbyist; application of section.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-15	State	Statute	
Bodies which contract with outside lobbyists must mail copies of lobbyists' disclosure statements and reports to home addresses of members; use of funds.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-17	State	Statute	
Registration of lobbyists; notice of termination of lobbying activities; supplemental registration statements; list of lobbyists; recording keeping requirements; reregistration requirements.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-20	State	Statute	
Registration of Lobbyist's principal; notice of termination of lobbying authority; supplemental registration statements; list of lobbyist's principal; recording keeping requirements; reregistration requirements.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-25	State	Statute	
Public officials and employees not to receive compensation for speaking before audiences; exception and rules for payment of expenses.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-100	State	Statute	
Additional acts prohibited of lobyists and lobbyists' principals, public officials, and public employees.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-110	State	Statute	
Suspension of lobbyist upon indictment for violation of provision of this chapter.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-120	State	Statute	
Penalties for violation of provisions of this chapter.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-130	State	Statute	

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Groundless allegations of violations to be stricken from public record; penalties for wilful filing of groundless complaint.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-140	State	Statute	
Statute of limitations for prosecuting violation of provision of this chapter.	Report our agency must/may provide	2-17-150	State	Statute	
State Ethics Commission	Report our agency must/may provide	52-100	State	Regulation	
Repeal of Existing Regulations and Adoption of Articles 1 through 10, inclusive	Report our agency must/may provide	52-1001	State	Regulation	
Purpose and Scope	Report our agency must/may provide	52-201	State	Regulation	
Severability	Report our agency must/may provide	52-202	State	Regulation	
Definitions	Report our agency must/may provide	52-203	State	Regulation	
Official Forms and Documents	Report our agency must/may provide	52-204	State	Regulation	
Date of Filing with the Commission Defined	Report our agency must/may provide	52-205	State	Regulation	
Method of Service	Report our agency must/may provide	52-206	State	Regulation	
Effect of Signature	Report our agency must/may provide	52-207	State	Regulation	
Computation of Time	Report our agency must/may provide	52-208	State	Regulation	
Motions and Other Papers	Report our agency must/may provide	52-209	State	Regulation	
Notice of Representation	Report our agency must/may provide	52-210	State	Regulation	
Subpoenas	Report our agency must/may provide	52-211	State	Regulation	
Amendments to Forms	Report our agency must/may provide	52-212	State	Regulation	
Advisory Opinions, Generally	Report our agency must/may provide	52-301	State	Regulation	
Informal Advisory Opinions	Report our agency must/may provide	52-302	State	Regulation	
Formal Advisory Opinions	Report our agency must/may provide	52-303	State	Regulation	
General	Report our agency must/may provide	52-401	State	Regulation	
Lobbyist's and Lobbyist's Principal registration, termination, supplemental registration, record keeping, and reregistration requirements	Report our agency must/may provide	52-402	State	Regulation	
Lobbyists and Lobbyist's Principal reporting requirements	Report our agency must/may provide	52-403	State	Regulation	
Registration of Rating or Ranking Entities	Report our agency must/may provide	52-404	State	Regulation	
Administrative enforcement of registration and reporting of lobbyists, lobbyist's principals and rating entities activities and expenditures	Report our agency must/may provide	52-405	State	Regulation	
General	Report our agency must/may provide	52-501	State	Regulation	
Responsibility of Persons accepting declarations of candidacy or petitions for nomination	Report our agency must/may provide	52-502	State	Regulation	
Committees receiving or spending funds to influence elections must register	Report our agency must/may provide	52-503	State	Regulation	
Candidate's and Committee's Campaign Reports	Report our agency must/may provide	52-504	State	Regulation	
Committees registered with the Federal Election Commission	Report our agency must/may provide	52-505	State	Regulation	
Administrative Enforcement of Candidate's and Committee's registration and reporting requirements	Report our agency must/may provide	52-506	State	Regulation	
General	Report our agency must/may provide	52-601	State	Regulation	
Persons Required to File Statements of Economic Interests and Agencies Required to file Contract Disclosure Forms	Report our agency must/may provide	52-602	State	Regulation	
Confidential Statements of Economic Interests	Report our agency must/may provide	52-603	State	Regulation	

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Reporting by persons not required to file a Statement of Economic Interest	Report our agency must/may provide	52-604	State	Regulation	
Approval for Out-of-State Expenses	Report our agency must/may provide	52-605	State	Regulation	
Consultant's Disclosure Forms	Report our agency must/may provide	52-606	State	Regulation	
Candidates and Incumbents Statement's of Economic Interests	Report our agency must/may provide	52-607	State	Regulation	
Administrative Enforcement	Report our agency must/may provide	52-608	State	Regulation	
General	Report our agency must/may provide	52-701	State	Regulation	
Initiating a Complaint	Report our agency must/may provide	52-702	State	Regulation	
Parties to the proceeding	Report our agency must/may provide	52-703	State	Regulation	
Complaint Procedures	Report our agency must/may provide	52-704	State	Regulation	
Investigation of Complaints	Report our agency must/may provide	52-705	State	Regulation	
Amendment and Withdrawal of Complaint	Report our agency must/may provide	52-706	State	Regulation	
Hearing notice	Report our agency must/may provide	52-707	State	Regulation	
Request for Remediation	Report our agency must/may provide	52-708	State	Regulation	
Respondent's Answer to Complaint	Report our agency must/may provide	52-709	State	Regulation	
Discovery	Report our agency must/may provide	52-710	State	Regulation	
Admission of Expert's Reports and other forms of written evidence	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	52-711	State	Regulation	
Presentation of Evidence	Report our agency must/may provide	52-712	State	Regulation	
Conduct of Hearings	Report our agency must/may provide	52-713	State	Regulation	
Burden of Proof	Report our agency must/may provide	52-714	State	Regulation	
Continuance, Postponement and Adjournment	Report our agency must/may provide	52-715	State	Regulation	
Final Disposition and Order	Report our agency must/may provide	52-716	State	Regulation	
Record of Hearing and Transcripts	Report our agency must/may provide	52-717	State	Regulation	
Confidentiality of Proceedings	Report our agency must/may provide	52-718	State	Regulation	
Filing an Appeal	Report our agency must/may provide	52-801	State	Regulation	
Notice of Appellate Hearing	Report our agency must/may provide	52-802	State	Regulation	
Briefs	Report our agency must/may provide	52-803	State	Regulation	
Oral Argument	Report our agency must/may provide	52-804	State	Regulation	
Composition of the Panel for Full Commission Review	Report our agency must/may provide	52-805	State	Regulation	
Standard of Review	Report our agency must/may provide	52-806	State	Regulation	
Additional Evidence	Report our agency must/may provide	52-807	State	Regulation	
General	Report our agency must/may provide	52-901	State	Regulation	
Requirements of Trust Instrument	Report our agency must/may provide	52-902	State	Regulation	
Effect	Report our agency must/may provide	52-903	State	Regulation	
Definitions.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-100	State	Statute	
Persons required to file statement of economic interests	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1110	State	Statute	
Contents of statement of economic interests	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1120	State	Statute	
Exception to reporting requirement for events to which entire legislative body invited	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1125	State	Statute	

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Legislative invitations committees to keep records of invitations accepted; public inspection	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1127	State	Statute	
Report on names of, and purchases by, lobbyists	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1130	State	Statute	
Filing of updated statement	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1140	State	Statute	
Filing of statement by certain consultants	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1150	State	Statute	
Forwarding of copies of statement to State Ethics Commission and filing person's county of residence	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1160	State	Statute	
Technical violations of disclosure requirements; extensions of time for filing statements	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1170	State	Statute	
Soliciting of contributions by elective official or agent from employees; favoritism by public official or employee towards employees making contributions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1180	State	Statute	
Fee for educational and training programs	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-120	State	Statute	
Levying enforcement or administrative fee on persons in violation; use of fee.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-130	State	Statute	
Definitions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1300	State	Statute	
Joint candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be considered a single candidate	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1301	State	Statute	
Maintenance of records of contributions, contributors, and expenditures	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1302	State	Statute	
Committees receiving and spending funds to influence elections required to file statement of organization	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1304	State	Statute	
Contents of statement of organization	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1306	State	Statute	
Filing of certified campaign reports by candidates and committees	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1308	State	Statute	
Filing of certified campaign reports by ballot measure committee	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1309	State	Statute	
Recipients of certified campaign reports and copies thereof; State Ethics Commission review	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1310	State	Statute	
Campaign bank accounts	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1312	State	Statute	
Campaign contribution limits and restrictions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1314	State	Statute	
Restrictions on campaign contributions received from political parties	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1316	State	Statute	
Acceptance of contributions to retire campaign debt; limits; reporting requirements	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1318	State	Statute	
Contributions within specified period after primary, special, or general election attributed to that primary or election	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1320	State	Statute	
Dollar limits on contributions to committees	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1322	State	Statute	
Anonymous campaign contributions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1324	State	Statute	
Loans to candidates considered contributions; limitations; exceptions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1326	State	Statute	
Limits on repayment of loans from candidate or family members to campaign	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1328	State	Statute	
Contributions by spouses or parent and child	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1330	State	Statute	
Affiliated Committees	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1331	State	Statute	
Unlawful contributions and expenditures	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1332	State	Statute	

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Not-for-profit corporations solicitation guidelines	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1333	State	Statute	
Certain solicitation of contributions by corporations and organizations from employees not unlawful	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1334	State	Statute	
Accepting or soliciting contributions on State Capitol grounds or in of-ficial residence prohibited; exception for contributions by mail	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1336	State	Statute	
Persons prohibited from soliciting contributions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1338	State	Statute	
Restrictions on contributions by one candidate to another	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1340	State	Statute	
Restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1342	State	Statute	
Contributions by public utilities; seeking endorsement in return for con-tribution; discrimination by employers based on contributions; reimburse-ment for contributions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1344	State	Statute	
Use of public funds, property, or time to influence election prohibited; exceptions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1346	State	Statute	
Use of campaign funds for personal expenses; certain expenditures to be in writing; expenditures not to exceed fair market value; petty cash funds	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1348	State	Statute	
Prohibition of use of funds for campaign for one office to further candi-dacy of same person for different office	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1350	State	Statute	
Exception to prohibition of use of funds for campaign for one office to further candidacy of same person for different office	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1352	State	Statute	
Identification of person independently paying for election-related com-munication; exemptions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1354	State	Statute	
Filing of statement of economic interests by candidates for public office	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1356	State	Statute	
Format of certified campaign reports	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1358	State	Statute	
Contribution and expenditure reporting form; contents	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1360	State	Statute	
Filing of statement of inactivity by candidate or committee having no contributions or expenditures to report	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1362	State	Statute	
Sending of notice of obligation to report and forms	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1364	State	Statute	
Public availability of certified campaign reports	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1366	State	Statute	
Termination of campaign filing requirements; dissolution of committees; final report	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1368	State	Statute	
Use of unexpended contributions by candidate after election; distribution of unexpended funds of committee	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1370	State	Statute	
Use of funds by ballot measure committee	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1371	State	Statute	
Technical violations of rules on campaign reports	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1372	State	Statute	
Budget and Control Board (now called the Department of Administration) must defend action	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1373	State	Statute	
Richland County designated as site of failure to file	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1374	State	Statute	
Retention of funds derived from additional assessments associated with late filing fees.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-140	State	Statute	

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Carrying forward unexpended lobbyists and lobbyist's principals registration fees.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-150	State	Statute	
Penalty for late filing of or failure to file report or statement required by this chapter	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1510	State	Statute	
Violation of chapter constitutes misdemeanor; violation not necessarily ethical infraction	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-1520	State	Statute	
State Ethics Commission reconstituted; members; terms of office; officers; quorum requirements; meetings; per diem; mileage, and subsistence for members.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-310	State	Statute	
Duties and powers of State Ethics Commission.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-320	State	Statute	
Use of registration fines and fees.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-325	State	Statute	
Executive director of commission; restrictions on political activities of members, employees and staff of commission.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-330	State	Statute	
Annual report of commission.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-340	State	Statute	
Ethics brochure to be provided to public officials, members, and employees.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-350	State	Statute	
Statements and reports filed with commission open for public inspection.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-360	State	Statute	
Electronic Filing deadline.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-365	State	Statute	
Use of official position or office for financial gain; disclosure of potential conflict of interest	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-700	State	Statute	
Offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving anything of value to influence action of public employee, member or official, or to influence testimony of witness; exceptions; penalty for violation	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-705	State	Statute	
Reporting of particular gifts received by public employee, official, or member on statement of economic interests.	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-710	State	Statute	
Speaking engagements of public officials, members or employees; only expense reimbursement permitted; authorization for	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-715	State	Statute	
Offering, soliciting, or receiving money for advice or assistance of public official, member or employee	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-720	State	Statute	
Use or disclosure of confidential information by public official, member, or employee for financial gain	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-725	State	Statute	
Membership on or employment by regulatory agency of person associated with regulated business	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-730	State	Statute	
Participation in decision affecting personal economic interests by one employed by and serving on governing body of governmental entity	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-735	State	Statute	
Representation of another by a public official, member, or employee before a governmental entity	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-740	State	Statute	
Paid representation of clients and contracting by member of General Assembly or associate in particular situations	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-745	State	Statute	
Employment, promotion, advancement, or discipline of family member of public official, member, or employee	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-750	State	Statute	

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Restrictions on former public official, member, or employee serving as lobbyist or accepting employment in field of former service	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-755	State	Statute	
Employment by government contractor of former public official, member, or employee who was engaged in procurement	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-760	State	Statute	
Use of government personnel or facilities for campaign purposes; government personnel permitted to work on campaigns on own time	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-765	State	Statute	
Members of General Assembly prohibited from serving on state boards and commissions; exceptions	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-770	State	Statute	
Public official, member, or employee with official function related to contracts not permitted to have economic interest in contracts	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-775	State	Statute	
Remedies for breaches of ethical standards by public officials, members, or employees	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-780	State	Statute	
Communication by elected official with state board or commission on behalf of constituent	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-785	State	Statute	
Recovery of amounts received by official or employee in breach of ethical standards; recovery of kickbacks	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-790	State	Statute	
Receipt of award, grant, or scholarship by public official or family	Report our agency must/may provide	8-13-795	State	Statute	

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Public Disclosure section of website that contains reports filed by lobbyists, lobbyist's principals, public, elected, and appointed officials under our jurisdiction. Ability to file complaints for violations of the Ethics Reform Act.	All South Carolinians, news media, and any citizen outside of South Carolina seeking information about public officials, employees, lobbyists, or elected officials' campaign finance and economic interests	Any person under the Commission's jurisdiction.	All South Carolinians.	Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Lack of training could result in increased Ethics Act violations leading to increased enforcement efforts and costs.
Training in Ethics Reform Act	Any person under the Commission of the State Ethics Commission. The Commission partners with the School Board Association, Municipal Association, Association of Counties, Councils of Government, and any other organization to which the Ethics Reform Act applies.	Any person under the Commission's jurisdiction.	All South Carolinians.	Administration	Created by Section 8-13-310 to establish and enforce certain rules of ethical conduct for public officials and employees, to establish rules for election campaign finance practices, and to provide for disclosure of economic interests and to administer the lobbyist portion of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991.	Lack of training could result in increased Ethics Act violations leading to increased enforcement efforts and costs.
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New Candidate Training	Individuals who have filed to run for office.	Candidates	General public			

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Name of Partner Entity	Type of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership
State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	State Government	Assist with investigations as needed
SC Attorney General's Office	State Government	Assist with investigations as needed and refer for prosecution when appropriate
SC State Election Commission	State Government	Share information regarding elections and candidates for public office (Candidates' Rosters, Cancellation of Elections, Statements of Intention of Candidacy)
SC Department of Revenue	State Government	Participate in DOR's Setoff Debt and Governmental Entity Accounts Receivable (GEAR) programs to assist with debt collection.
SC Division of Technology	State Government	IT services and network security
Solicitor's Offices	Local Government	Refer for prosecution when appropriate
South Carolina Interactive, LLC.	Private Business Organization	Host website and maintain/update Online Filing System for candidates, elected officials, appointed officials, and public employees

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