



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1016***

LCO No. 4020



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) Notwithstanding the  
2 provisions of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, not later  
3 than October 1, 2022, each municipality shall adopt and maintain a code  
4 of ethics. Any municipality that has adopted a code of ethics prior to  
5 January 1, 2022, shall not be required to adopt a new code of ethics  
6 under this section. Any municipality that adopts provisions of the  
7 model municipal code of ethics, developed by the Office of State Ethics  
8 under subsection (b) of this section, on or before October 1, 2022, and  
9 thereafter maintains such provisions, shall be deemed in compliance  
10 with the requirements of this section.

11 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Office of State Ethics, in  
12 consultation with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and  
13 Connecticut Council of Small Towns, shall develop and publish on its  
14 Internet web site a model municipal code of ethics which may be  
15 adopted by municipalities. The office shall update such model

16 municipal code of ethics as the office deems necessary.

17 (c) Not later than January 15, 2023, each municipality shall submit a  
18 notice to the Office of State Ethics certifying whether the municipality  
19 has complied with the requirements of this section. Such notice shall  
20 include a copy of such municipality's code of ethics.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective January 1, 2022*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the  
22 Office of State Ethics shall submit a report, in accordance with the  
23 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
25 relating to ethics. Such report shall indicate the status of the compliance  
26 of each municipality with the requirements of section 1 of this act.

27 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2022*) The Office of State Ethics may,  
28 within available appropriations, conduct a municipal ethics education  
29 program for municipal officials or employees or for organizations made  
30 up of municipal members.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require every municipality to adopt a code of ethics and the Office of State Ethics to develop a model municipal code of ethics for municipalities to adopt.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*