

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-260

AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER
OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS FOR

Title: PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Vote Date: 3/15/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The legislation aims to resolve an oversight in current conflict of interest provisions within the state code of ethics by adjusting said provisions to prevent public officials and state employees from engaging in conflicts of interest involving public official's and state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's employer.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Peter Lewandowski, Office of State Ethics Executive Director, Supports:

This proposal extends the prohibition regarding conflicts of interest by restricting public officials or state employees—other than elected officials—from taking official action for the benefit of their other employers or spouses' employer and disclosing the existence of a conflict involving such employers when necessary. It is an opportunity to clarify a shortcoming within current conflict of interest provisions under the State Code of Ethics

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Tom Swan, Connecticut Citizen Action Group Executive Director, Supports

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: Lindsay de Brito

Date: 3/21/2024