

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1248

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Taylor” and substitute “, Taylor, Wood, Arnick, DeCarlo, Kittleman, Malone, Rudolph, Morgan, Benson, Brinkley, Clagett, Dobson, Dypski, Faulkner, Getty, Kagan, Mandel, Minnick, Moe, Mossburg, Opara, Patterson, and Snodgrass”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Legislative Ethics - Advisory Services and Disclosure”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “Ethics” in line 7 and substitute “requiring the President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates jointly to appoint an attorney to serve as counsel to the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics; specifying the duties of the counsel; requiring the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to maintain and make available to the public certain records and to give certain notice to members of the General Assembly under certain circumstances; requiring the State Ethics Commission to submit a copy of certain statements filed by members of the General Assembly to the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics; and generally relating to legislative ethics”; and after line 7, insert:

“BY renumbering

Article - State Government

Section 2-707 and 2-708, respectively

to be Section 2-708 and 2-709, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 2-701

Annotated Code of Maryland

(Over)

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 2-707 and 15-513.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement);

and strike lines 13 and 14 in their entirety and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2-707 and 2-708, respectively, of Article - State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2-708 and 2-709, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

“2-701.

In this subtitle, “Committee” means the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics.

2-707.

(A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER JOINTLY SHALL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE COMMITTEE.

(B) THE COUNSEL SHALL:

(1) DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE;

(2) ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY APPLICABLE ETHICS LAW OR RULE;

(3) ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PREPARING STATEMENTS AND REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMITTEE UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 5, PART II OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(4) AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT, SPEAKER, OR THE COMMITTEE, CARRY OUT ANY OTHER FUNCTION RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.

(C) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE OTHER STAFF ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15-513.1.

(A) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE STATEMENTS FILED WITH THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE UNDER §§ 15-512(C) AND 15-513(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL MAINTAIN THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED TO IT BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION UNDER § 15-602(B) OF THIS TITLE AND, DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, MAKE THE STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING.

(2) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF A STATEMENT.

(B)(1) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF:

(I) THE NAME AND HOME ADDRESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO EXAMINES OR COPIES A STATEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(II) THE NAME OF THE MEMBER WHOSE STATEMENT WAS EXAMINED OR COPIED.

(Over)

(2) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY A MEMBER WHOSE STATEMENT IS EXAMINED OR COPIED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) UPON RECEIPT, THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL FORWARD A SINGLE COPY OF EACH STATEMENT FILED WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE.”;

and in line 5, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.