

HOUSE BILL 315

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Stewart, Attar, Barron, Boyce, Carr, Charkoudian, Ebersole, Feldmark, Fraser-Hidalgo, Guyton, Hettleman, Kerr, Lehman, R. Lewis, Lierman, Love, Moon, Palakovich Carr, Shetty, Solomon, Terrasa, Wells, and P. Young**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Public Ethics – Executive Branch – Lobbying by Former Secretaries of Principal~~
3 ~~Departments (Shut the Revolving Door Act of 2020)~~

4 **Public Ethics Violations and Crimes – Prohibitions and Penalties**

5 FOR the purpose of increasing certain penalties for bribery relating to a public employee;
6 prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, a former secretary of a principal
7 department of the Executive Branch from assisting or representing another party
8 for compensation, for a certain period of time, in a certain matter that is the subject
9 of legislative action; and generally relating to ~~public ethics and former public officials~~
10 of the Executive Branch prohibitions and penalties related to certain public ethics
11 violations and crimes.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – Criminal Law
 3 Section 9–201
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 7 Article – General Provisions
 8 Section 5–504(d)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2019 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 Article – Criminal Law

14 9–201.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) “Political subdivision” includes a:

17 (i) county;

18 (ii) municipal corporation;

19 (iii) bi–county or multicounty agency;

20 (iv) county board of education;

21 (v) public authority; or

22 (vi) special taxing district that is not a homeowner’s association.

23 (3) (i) “Public employee” means an officer or employee of:

24 1. the State; or

25 2. a political subdivision of the State.

26 (ii) “Public employee” includes:

27 1. an executive officer of the State;

28 2. a judge of the State;

1 5-504.

2 (d) (1) Except for a former member of the General Assembly, who shall be
3 subject to the restrictions provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a former official
4 or employee may not assist or represent a party, other than the State, in a case, a contract,
5 or any other specific matter for compensation if:

6 (i) the matter involves State government; and

7 (ii) the former official or employee participated significantly in the
8 matter as an official or employee.

9 (2) (i) In this paragraph, “legislative action” does not include testimony
10 or other advocacy in an official capacity as a member of the General Assembly before a unit
11 of State or local government.

12 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph:

13 1. a former member of the General Assembly may not assist
14 or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative
15 action for one calendar year from the date the member leaves office; and

16 2. a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
17 General, Comptroller, [or] State Treasurer, **OR SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH** may not assist or represent another party
19 for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action for one calendar year
20 from the date the official leaves State office.

21 (iii) The limitation under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph on
22 representation by a former member of the General Assembly [or by a former], Governor,
23 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, [or] State Treasurer, **OR**
24 **SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH** does not
25 apply to representation of a municipal corporation, county, or State governmental entity.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2020.