

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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FOLMER AND YUDICHAK, JANUARY 27, 2015

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 27, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial
3 disclosure, further providing for statement of financial
4 interests required to be filed and for powers and duties of
5 commission.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1104(e) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
10 adding a subsection to read:

11 § 1104. Statement of financial interests required to be filed.

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13 (a.1) Statewide official and member of the General
14 Assembly.--Beginning May 1, 2016, and each May 1 thereafter, a
15 Statewide official and member of the General Assembly shall file
16 electronically the statement of financial interests required
17 under subsection (a). The filing must be in a form and manner
18 prescribed by the commission.

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1 (e) Public inspection and copying.--All statements of
2 financial interests filed pursuant to the provisions of this
3 chapter shall be:

4 (1) made available for public inspection and copying
5 during regular office hours, and copying facilities shall be
6 made available at a charge not to exceed actual cost[.]; and

7 (2) posted on the publicly accessible Internet websites
8 of the commission and other State agencies that receive and
9 file statements of financial interests.

10 Section 2. Section 1107(6) and (7) of Title 65 are amended
11 and the section is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

12 § 1107. Powers and duties of commission.

13 In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law, the
14 commission shall:

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16 (6) (i) Provide that statements and reports filed with
17 the commission be made available for public inspection
18 and copying during regular office hours and provide that
19 copying facilities be made available at a charge not to
20 exceed actual cost [and advise].

21 (ii) Post on its publicly accessible Internet
22 website the statements of financial interests required to
23 be filed with it.

24 (iii) Advise other State and local agencies of the
25 provisions of this paragraph.

26 (7) Compile and maintain an index, including a database
27 on its publicly accessible Internet website, of all reports
28 and statements filed with the commission to facilitate public
29 access to such reports and statements and instruct other
30 State and local agencies which receive and file financial

1 interest statements in the maintenance of systems, including
2 publicly accessible Internet websites, which facilitate
3 public access to such statements. The database required under
4 this paragraph shall be searchable and sortable by, at a
5 minimum, the following:

6 (i) The name of the individual filing the report or
7 statement.

8 (ii) The office held by the individual filing the
9 report or statement.

10 (iii) The year the form was filed.

11 (iv) Whether or not the form is an amended filing.

12 The database required under this paragraph shall be
13 operational no later than May 1, 2016.

14 (7.1) Connect an amended filing to the original filing
15 on its publicly accessible Internet website in a way that a
16 person accessing one will be notified of the existence of the
17 other.

18 (7.2) Provide an e-mail notification option for a person
19 who would like to be notified of new filings.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.