

ADOPTED

Senators Thomas of the 10th and Starr of the 44th offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate Ethics Committee substitute to SB 517 by inserting between lines 2 and 3 of page 9 the following:

(13)To investigate upon a written complaint any false, dishonest, or misleading statements made by public officers of this state in the course of his or her official duties and service as an officer of a governmental entity;

By striking “(13)” of line 3 of page 9 and inserting in lieu “(14)”.

By striking “(14)” of line 8 of page 9 and inserting in lieu “(15)”.

By striking “(15)” of line 17 of page 10 and inserting in lieu “(16)”.

By striking “(16)” of line 19 of page 10 and inserting in lieu “(17)”.

By striking “(17)” of line 21 of page 10 and inserting in lieu “(18)”.

By inserting between lines 19 and 20 of page 41 the following:

“SECTION 23.1.

Said title is further amended by inserting a new paragraph in Code Section 45-10-1 to state as follows:

45-10-1.

There is established for and within the state and for and in all governments therein a code of ethics for government service which shall read as follows:

CODE OF ETHICS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Any person in government service should:

I. Put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country above loyalty to persons, party, or government department.

II. Uphold the Constitution, laws, and legal regulations of the United States and the State of Georgia and of all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion.

III. Be honest and truthful in all statements and representations made before the General Assembly and its committees, the State’s departments, commissions and board, and the courts of the State of Georgia and the United States of America.

~~III.~~ IV. Give a full day’s labor for a full day’s pay and give to the performance of his duties his earnest effort and best thought.

~~IV.~~ V. Seek to find and employ more efficient and economical ways of getting tasks accomplished.

~~V.~~ VI. Never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to

anyone, whether for remuneration or not, and never accept, for himself or his family, favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of his governmental duties.

¶ VII. Make no private promises of any kind binding upon the duties of office, since a government employee has no private word which can be binding on public duty.

¶ VIII. Engage in no business with the government, either directly or indirectly, which is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of his governmental duties..

¶ IX. Never use any information coming to him confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means for making private profit.

¶ X. Expose corruption wherever discovered.

¶ XI. Uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.”