

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to HB 333:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics  
2 in government, so as to revise the powers and duties of the Georgia Government  
3 Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; to provide for and revise a short title; to  
4 revise and provide definitions; to provide for assignment for administrative purposes; to  
5 revise procedures for the initiation of complaints; to provide that no political action  
6 committee which is affiliated with or which coordinates with a member of the General  
7 Assembly or such member's campaign committee or is affiliated with or coordinates with a  
8 public officer elected state wide or such public officer's campaign committee shall seek or  
9 accept a contribution or pledge of a contribution to such political action committee during  
10 a legislative session; to revise requirements for certain accounts, the disposition and  
11 expenditure of certain contributions, filings, registrations, and records of accounts; to revise  
12 how maximum contribution limits are implemented; to revise certain financial disclosure  
13 requirements; to revise purposes requiring registration with the commission; to provide for  
14 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
15 purposes.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

17 **SECTION 1.**

18 This act shall be known as and may be cited as the "Ethics in Government Act of 2021."

19 **SECTION 2.**20 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in  
21 government, is amended by revising Code Section 21-5-1, relating to a short title, as follows:

22 "21-5-1.

23 This chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the ~~'Ethics in Government Act.'~~  
24 'Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act.'25 **SECTION 3.**26 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3, relating  
27 to definitions, and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:28 "(16.2) 'Loan' means a thing that is borrowed, especially a sum of money that is expected  
29 to be paid back with interest to the lender."30 "(19.1) 'Personal asset' means any asset in the form of money, chattels, or any item of  
31 economic value, including nominal loans, owned by an individual or corporation,  
32 especially that which could be converted to cash, including but not limited to, cash,  
33 securities, accounts receivable, inventory, office equipment, real estate and automobiles."

34 "(22) 'Public officer' means:

35 (A) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General,  
36 Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Insurance,  
37 and State School Superintendent Every constitutional officer;38 (B) Every other elected state official not listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;39 (C) The executive head of every state department or agency, whether elected or  
40 appointed;

41 (D) Each member of the General Assembly;

42 (E) The executive director of each state board, commission, council, or authority and  
 43 the members thereof;

44 (F) Every elected county official and every elected member of a local board of  
 45 education; and

46 (G) Every elected municipal official."

47 "(25) 'Staff attorney' means a licensed member of the Georgia Bar Association that is  
 48 employed by the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance  
 49 Commission."

50 **SECTION 4.**

51 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-5, relating to operating  
 52 expenses, as follows:

53 "21-5-5.

54 The funds necessary to carry out this chapter shall come from the funds appropriated to and  
 55 available to the commission and from any other available funds. The commission shall be  
 56 a budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act';  
 57 provided, however, that the commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only  
 58 to the ~~Secretary of State~~ State Accounting Office."

59 **SECTION 5.**

60 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (7) of subsection (a) and  
 61 paragraphs (9), (10), and (23) of subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-6, relating to powers  
 62 and duties of the commission, as follows:

63 "(7) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-5-33, to ~~To~~ adopt in  
 64 accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' any  
 65 rules and regulations necessary and appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this  
 66 chapter; provided, however, that the commission shall not require the reporting or

67 disclosure of more information on any campaign contribution disclosure report or  
68 personal financial disclosure statement than is expressly required to be reported or  
69 disclosed by this chapter, ~~unless such information was required to be reported or~~  
70 ~~disclosed by rules and regulations of the commission which were in effect as of January~~  
71 ~~1, 2013, so long as such rules and regulations do not conflict with this chapter; and"~~

72 "(9) To make investigations, subject to the limitations contained in Code  
73 Section 21-5-7.1, with respect to the statements and reports filed under this chapter and  
74 with respect to alleged failure to file any statements or reports required under this chapter  
75 and upon receipt of the written complaint of any person, including a staff attorney  
76 employed by the commission, verified under oath to the best information, knowledge, and  
77 belief by the person or staff attorney making such complaint with respect to an alleged  
78 violation of any provision of this chapter, provided that nothing in this Code section shall  
79 be construed to limit or encumber the right of the commission to initiate on probable  
80 cause an investigation on its own cognizance as it deems necessary to fulfill its  
81 obligations under this chapter;

82 (10)(A) To conduct a preliminary investigation, subject to the limitations contained in  
83 Code Section 21-5-7.1, of the merits of a written complaint by any person, including  
84 a staff attorney employed by the commission, who believes that a violation of this  
85 chapter has occurred, verified under oath to the best information, knowledge, and belief  
86 by the person or staff attorney making such complaint. If there are found no reasonable  
87 grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, the complaint shall be dismissed,  
88 subject to being reopened upon discovery of additional evidence or relevant material.  
89 If the commission determines that there are such reasonable grounds to believe that a  
90 violation has occurred, it shall give notice by summoning the persons believed to have  
91 committed the violation to a hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in all respects in  
92 accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'  
93 The commission may file, through a staff attorney employed by the commission, a

94 complaint charging violations of this chapter, and any person aggrieved by the final  
95 decision of the commission is entitled to judicial review in accordance with Chapter 13  
96 of Title 50; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed to  
97 limit or encumber the right of the commission to initiate on probable cause an  
98 investigation on its own cognizance as it deems necessary to fulfill its obligations under  
99 this chapter.

100 (B) In any such preliminary investigation referenced in subparagraph (A) of this  
101 paragraph, until such time as the commission determines that there are reasonable  
102 grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, it shall not be necessary to give the  
103 notice by summons nor to conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50,  
104 the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act';"

105 "(23) To award attorneys' fees to the party complained against if the commission deems  
106 the complaint to be frivolous, legally or factually, ~~or if the complaining party fails,~~  
107 ~~without good cause, to appear at the preliminary hearing on the complaint; and"~~

108 **SECTION 6.**

109 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-7, relating to initiation of  
110 complaints, as follows:

111 "21-5-7.

112 The commission shall not initiate any investigation or inquiry into any matter under its  
113 jurisdiction based upon the complaint of any person, including a staff attorney employed  
114 by the commission, unless that person or staff attorney shall produce the same in writing  
115 and verify the same under oath to the best information, knowledge, and belief of such  
116 person, the falsification of which shall be punishable as false swearing under Code Section  
117 16-10-71. The person against whom any complaint is made shall be furnished by hand  
118 delivery or statutory overnight delivery or mailed by certified mail, return receipt  
119 requested, a copy of the complaint by the commission within two business days of the

120 commission's receipt of such complaint and prior to any other public dissemination of such  
 121 complaint. ~~Nothing in this Code section, however, shall be construed to limit or encumber~~  
 122 ~~the right of the commission to initiate on probable cause an investigation on its own~~  
 123 ~~cognizance as it deems necessary to fulfill its obligations under this chapter."~~

124 **SECTION 6A.**

125 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

126 "21-5-9.1.

127 No person who has served or is serving as a member of the General Assembly shall be  
 128 eligible to qualify to seek election or reelection to the General Assembly until and unless  
 129 all fines and fees owing to the commission have been paid, all disclosure reports due have  
 130 been filed, and all outstanding taxes have been paid."

131 **SECTION 7.**

132 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-13, relating to limitation of  
 133 actions, as follows:

134 "21-5-13.

135 (a) Any action alleging a violation of this chapter shall be commenced within three years  
 136 after the date of filing of the first report containing the alleged violation; provided,  
 137 however, that any action alleging a violation of this chapter shall be commenced within  
 138 five years after the date of filing of the first report containing the on which the violation,  
 139 wrongful action, or omission occurred, unless otherwise provided by subsections (b) or (c)  
 140 of this Code section.

141 (b) Any action alleging a alleged violation involving any person elected to serve for a term  
 142 of four or more years, but fewer than six years, or involving any candidate for an office  
 143 with a term of four or more years, but fewer than six years, shall be commenced within five  
 144 years after the date on which the violation, wrongful action, or omission occurred.

145 (c) Any action alleging a violation of this chapter involving any person elected to serve a  
146 term of six or more years or involving any candidate for an office with a term of six or  
147 more years shall be commenced within seven years after the date on which the violation,  
148 wrongful act, or omission occurred.

149 (d) For purposes of this Code section, an action shall be deemed to have commenced  
150 against a person only when either:

151 (1) A complaint has been accepted by the commission in compliance with Code Section  
152 21-5-7; or

153 (2) The commission or Attorney General serves on such person a notice of summons or  
154 hearing, in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative  
155 Procedure Act,' that alleges that such person has violated this chapter."

156 **SECTION 8.**

157 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-32, relating to accounts to be  
158 kept by candidate or campaign committee treasurer, as follows:

159 "21-5-32.

160 (a) The candidate or treasurer of each campaign committee shall keep detailed accounts,  
161 current within not more than five business days after the date of receiving a contribution  
162 or making an expenditure, of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on  
163 behalf of the candidate or committee. The candidate or treasurer shall also keep detailed  
164 accounts of all deposits and of all withdrawals made to the separate campaign depository  
165 account and of all interest earned on any such deposits.

166 (b) Accounts kept by the candidate or treasurer of a campaign committee pursuant to this  
167 Code section may be inspected under reasonable circumstances before, during, or after the  
168 election to which the accounts refer by any authorized representative of the commission.  
169 The right of inspection may be enforced by appropriate writ issued by any court of  
170 competent jurisdiction.

171 (c) Records of such accounts; ~~kept by the candidate or campaign committee shall be~~  
 172 ~~preserved for three years from the termination date of the campaign for elective office~~  
 173 ~~conducted by the candidate or of the campaign committee for any candidate or for three~~  
 174 ~~years from the election to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any~~  
 175 ~~proposed constitutional amendment, referendum, or local issue or of any recall vote~~

176 (1) For a person or a campaign committee campaigning for an elective office with a term  
 177 of less than four years, shall be preserved for three years from the date of the  
 178 contribution, expenditure, gift, investment, or loan;

179 (2) For a person or a campaign committee campaigning for an elective office with a term  
 180 of four or more years, but fewer than six years, shall be preserved for five years from the  
 181 date of the contribution, expenditure, gift, investment, or loan;

182 (3) For a person or a campaign committee campaigning for an elective office with a term  
 183 of six or more years, shall be preserved for seven years from the date of the contribution,  
 184 expenditure, gift, investment, or loan; and

185 (4) For any proposed constitutional amendment, referendum, or local issue or any recall  
 186 vote, shall be preserved for three years from the date of contribution, expenditure, gift,  
 187 investment, or loan."

188 **SECTION 9.**

189 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-33, relating  
 190 to disposition of contributions, as follows:

191 "(b)(1) All contributions received by a candidate or such candidate's campaign committee  
 192 or a public officer holding elective office in excess of those necessary to defray expenses  
 193 pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and as determined by such candidate or  
 194 such public officer may only be used as follows:

195 (A) As ~~contributions~~ donations to any charitable organization described in 26 U.S.C.  
 196 170(c) as said federal statute exists on March 1, 1986, and which additionally shall

197 include educational, eleemosynary, and nonprofit organizations subject to the  
198 prohibitions contained in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

199 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, for transferral  
200 without limitation to any national, state, or local committee of any political party or to  
201 any candidate;

202 (C) For transferral without limitation to persons making such contributions, not to  
203 exceed the total amount cumulatively contributed by each such transferee;

204 (D) For use in future campaigns for only that elective office for which those  
205 contributions were received. With respect to contributions held on January 1, 1992, or  
206 received thereafter, in the event the candidate, campaign committee, or public officer  
207 holding elective office has not designated, prior to receiving contributions to which this  
208 Code section is applicable, the office for which campaign contributions are received  
209 thereby, those contributions shall be deemed to have been received for the elective  
210 office which the candidate held at the time the contributions were received or, if the  
211 candidate did not then hold elective office, those contributions shall be deemed to have  
212 been received for that elective office for which that person was a candidate most  
213 recently following the receipt of such contributions; ~~or~~

214 (E) For repayment of any prior campaign obligations incurred as a candidate; or

215 (F) For transfer without limitation to one or more political action committees.

216 (2) Nothing in this Code section shall permit or authorize a candidate to utilize campaign  
217 funds for the purpose of making gifts, loans, or investments directly to:

218 (A) The candidate;

219 (B) A member of the candidate's family;

220 (C) Any business in which the candidate or a member of the candidate's family has an  
221 ownership interest;

222 (D) The candidate's trust or a trust of a member of the candidate's family; or

223 (E) Any nonprofit organization of which the candidate or a member of the candidate's  
224 family is on the payroll or has a controlling interest.

225 (3) Any candidate or public officer holding elective office may provide in the will of  
226 such candidate or such public officer that the contributions shall be spent in any of the  
227 authorized manners upon the death of such candidate or such public officer; and, in the  
228 absence of any such direction in the probated will of such candidate or such public  
229 officer, the contributions shall be paid to the treasury of the state party with which such  
230 candidate or such public officer was affiliated in such candidate's or such public officer's  
231 last election or elective office after the payment of any expenses pursuant to  
232 subsection (a) of this Code section. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
233 paragraph, the personal representative or executor of the estate shall be allowed to use or  
234 pay out funds in the campaign account in any manner authorized in subparagraphs (A)  
235 through (E) of paragraph (1) of this subsection."

236 **SECTION 9A.**

237 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-5-35, relating  
238 to acceptance of contributions or pledges during legislative sessions, as follows:

239 "(a)(1) No member of the General Assembly or that member's campaign committee or  
240 public officer elected state wide or campaign committee of such public officer shall seek  
241 or accept a contribution or a pledge of a contribution to the member, the member's  
242 campaign committee, or public officer elected state wide, or campaign committee of such  
243 public officer during a legislative session.

244 (2) No political action committee which is affiliated with or which coordinates with a  
245 member of the General Assembly or such member's campaign committee or is affiliated  
246 with or coordinates with a public officer elected state wide or such public officer's  
247 campaign committee shall seek or accept a contribution or pledge of a contribution to  
248 such political action committee during a legislative session."

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**SECTION 10.**

250 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (k) of Code Section 21-5-41, relating  
251 to maximum allowable contributions, as follows:

252 "(k) At the end of ~~the~~ each gubernatorial election cycle ~~applicable to each public office as~~  
253 ~~to which campaign contributions are limited by this Code section and every four years for~~  
254 ~~all other elections to which this Code section is applicable~~, the contribution limitations in  
255 this Code section shall be raised or lowered in increments of \$100.00 by regulation order  
256 of the commission pursuant to a ~~determination~~ consideration by the commission of  
257 inflation or deflation during such cycle or four-year period, as determined by the Consumer  
258 Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department  
259 of Labor, and such limitations shall apply until next revised by the commission. The  
260 commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of this subsection."

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**SECTION 11.**

262 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 21-5-43,  
263 relating to accounting for and expenditure of campaign contributions, and by adding a new  
264 subsection to read as follows:

265 "(c) Contributions remaining unexpended after the date of ~~the~~ an election in which the  
266 candidate does appear on the ballot may be expended for any future election in the same  
267 election cycle without regard to the limitations of Code Section 21-5-41. If there are no  
268 further elections in the election cycle or if the candidate or the candidate of the campaign  
269 committee is not on the ballot of a further election in the election cycle, ~~such~~ any remaining  
270 contributions may be used only as provided in Code Section 21-5-33.

271 (d) Contributions accepted and separately accounted for in an election in which the  
272 candidate does not occur or for which the candidate does not qualify appear on the ballot,  
273 if unexpended, shall be returned to the contributors thereof pro rata without interest. Any

274 portion thereof which cannot be returned to the original contributor thereof shall be  
275 expended only as provided in Code Section 21-5-33.

276 (e) For purposes of separate accounting, a candidate shall be deemed to have advanced to  
277 the next election in the election cycle upon the official certification of the election result  
278 by the Secretary of State, or upon the concession of the candidate's election opponents, or  
279 upon receiving a preliminary consolidated election return of 50 percent plus one for  
280 advancement to a general election, or upon receiving a preliminary consolidated election  
281 return of 50 percent or less for a runoff election and placing in one of the two spots that  
282 will advance to the runoff election, whichever event shall first occur. In the event that the  
283 official certification of the election result by the Secretary of State differs from or is in  
284 conflict with a preliminary consolidated election return for advancement to a general or  
285 runoff election, the official certification of the election result by the Secretary of State shall  
286 control for purposes of this Code section.

287 (f) The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the  
288 purposes of this Code section in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia  
289 Administrative Procedure Act.'

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## SECTION 12.

291 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (3) of subsection  
292 (c), adding a new paragraph to subsection (c), and revising subsection (g) of Code Section  
293 21-5-50, relating to filing by public officers, filing by candidates for public office, filing by  
294 elected officials and members of the General Assembly, electronic filing, and transfer of  
295 filings from the Secretary of State to the commission, as follows:

296 "(a)(1) Except as modified in subsection (c) of this Code section with respect to  
297 candidates for state-wide elected public office, each public officer, as defined in  
298 subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with  
299 the commission not before the first day of January nor later than July 1 of each year in

300 which such public officer holds office other than an election year a financial disclosure  
301 statement for the preceding calendar year; and each person who qualifies as a candidate  
302 for election as a public officer, as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of  
303 paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file with the commission, no later than the  
304 fifteenth day following the date of qualifying as a candidate, a financial disclosure  
305 statement for the preceding calendar year.

306 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a public officer, as defined in  
307 subparagraph (E) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall not be required to file  
308 a financial disclosure statement pursuant to this Code section. Each such public officer  
309 shall, however, be deemed to be a public official for purposes of Code Section 45-10-26  
310 and shall be subject to the disclosure requirements set forth in Code Section 45-10-26.  
311 In addition, each such public officer shall file with the commission, prior to January 31  
312 each year, an affidavit confirming that such public officer took no official action in the  
313 previous calendar year that had a material effect on such public officer's private financial  
314 or business interests; provided, however, that if a public officer as defined in  
315 subparagraph (E) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3 has previously filed a  
316 financial disclosure statement with the commission pursuant to paragraph (2) of  
317 subsection (a) of Code Section 21-5-50, and said financial disclosure statement covers  
318 the same calendar year as would be covered by the affidavit required by this Code  
319 section, the public officer shall be exempted from filing an affidavit.

320 (3) A public officer, as defined in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (22) of Code  
321 Section 21-5-3, who serves as a member of the commission shall be subject to the  
322 requirements for filing financial disclosure statements set forth in paragraph (1) of this  
323 subsection. In addition, each such public officer shall file with the commission, together  
324 with the financial disclosure statement, an affidavit confirming that such public officer  
325 took no official action in the previous calendar year that had a material effect on such  
326 public officer's private financial or business interests.

327 (3.1) A public officer and candidates for election as a public officer, as defined in  
328 subparagraphs (F) and (G) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall make filings  
329 of the same kind and in the same manner as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection  
330 for other public officers and candidates for election as a public officer except that filings  
331 under this paragraph shall be made with the election superintendent of the county in the  
332 case of public officers and candidates for election as a public officer as defined in said  
333 subparagraph (F) and shall be made with the municipal clerk in the municipality of  
334 election or, if there is no clerk, with the chief executive officer of the municipality in the  
335 case of public officers as defined in said subparagraph (G). The election superintendent,  
336 municipal clerk, or chief executive officer, as applicable, shall transmit, electronically by  
337 eFiling or eFax, a copy of each such report to the commission not later than 30 days after  
338 the close of the reporting period. No fine, fee, or sanction, including but not limited to  
339 identifying a public officer or candidate for election as a public officer as having filed late  
340 or failed to file, shall be imposed by the commission on the public officer or candidate  
341 for election as a public officer for the failure of the election superintendent, municipal  
342 clerk, or chief executive officer to timely transmit a copy of such report.

343 (4) Each member of the State Transportation Board shall file a financial disclosure  
344 statement for the preceding calendar year no later than the sixtieth day following such  
345 member's election to the State Transportation Board. Thereafter, each board member  
346 shall file by January 31 of each year a financial disclosure statement for the preceding  
347 year. In addition, each board member shall file with the commission, prior to January 31  
348 of each year, an affidavit confirming that such board member took no official action in  
349 the previous calendar year that had a material effect on such board member's private  
350 financial or business interests.

351 (5) The commission or the applicable official under paragraph (3.1) of this subsection  
352 shall review each financial disclosure statement to determine that such statement is in  
353 compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

354 (6) A public officer shall not, however, be required to file such a financial disclosure  
355 statement for the preceding calendar year in an election year if such public officer does  
356 not qualify for nomination for election to succeed himself or herself or for election to any  
357 other public office subject to this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph, a public officer  
358 shall not be deemed to hold office in a year in which the public officer holds office for  
359 fewer than 15 days."

360 "(3) The financial disclosure statement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
361 be accompanied by a financial statement of the candidate's financial affairs for the five  
362 calendar year years prior to the year in which the election is held and the first quarter of  
363 the calendar year in which the election is held.

364 (3.1) The financial disclosure statement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
365 include the source or sources of the candidate's income for the five calendar years prior  
366 to the year in which the election is held and the first quarter of the calendar year in which  
367 the election is held."

368 "(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, soil and water  
369 conservation district supervisors elected pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 2 shall  
370 not be required to file personal financial disclosure statements under this Code section.  
371 Reserved."

372 **SECTION 13.**

373 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-5-71, relating  
374 to registration required, application for registration, supplemental registration, expiration,  
375 docket, fees, identification cards, public rosters, and exemptions, as follows:

376 "(c) The lobbyist shall, prior to any substantial or material change or addition in their  
377 registration, file a supplemental registration indicating such substantial or material change  
378 or addition to the registration prior to its expiration. Previously filed information may be  
379 incorporated by reference. Substantial or material changes or additions shall include, but

380 are not limited to, the pertinent information concerning changes or additions to client and  
381 employment information required by paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), and (7) and conviction  
382 status required by paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

383 **SECTION 14.**

384 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
385 without such approval.

386 **SECTION 15.**

387 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.