

JAN 25 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO DEVOTE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO THEIR
RESPECTIVE COUNTY ETHICS BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives adopted House
2 Resolution No. 9, Regular Session of 2022, to establish the
3 Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (Commission); and
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5 WHEREAS, the Commission was tasked to ensure state laws and
6 rules relating to standards of conduct of public officers and
7 employees contain clear standards, enforcement, and penalties
8 and provide recommendations to increase awareness of, compliance
9 with, and deterrent effects of the Code of Ethics, lobbying
10 laws, campaign finance laws, and other relevant laws and rules;
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13 WHEREAS, the strength and stability of our democratic
14 government rely upon the public's trust in government
15 institutions, including the expectation that officers act
16 ethically with prudence, integrity, and sound judgment; and
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18 WHEREAS, an essential goal of the Commission was to provide
19 recommendations that would help restore public trust in state
20 government and increase the level of transparency in its
21 operations and accountability of individuals; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Commission convened regularly throughout 2022
24 to diligently review, discuss, and consider the issues
25 presented, submitted an interim report to the House of
26 Representatives outlining areas of immediate and long-term
27 focus, then continued its work with input from the public and
28 certain individuals and agencies to issue a final report with
29 various recommendations and accompanying proposed legislation;
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