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3 4 5 6	(By Delegates Miley, Caputo, Morgan, Boggs, Fragale, Fleischauer, Barker, Hunt, Frazier and Moore)
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8	Committee on the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$6B-2-7$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to the Ethics Act; requiring public
12	servants to disclose additional information on financial
13	disclosure statements; and clarifying existing requirements.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That §6B-2-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION; POWERS AND DUTIES;
18	DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST BY PUBLIC
19	OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; APPEARANCES BEFORE PUBLIC
20	AGENCIES; CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
21	JUDGES.
22	§6B-2-7. Financial disclosure statement; contents.
23	The financial disclosure statement required under this article
24	shall contain the following information:
25	(1) The name, residential and business addresses of the person

- 1 filing the statement and all names under which the person does and
- 2 the person's spouse do business.
- 3 (2) The name and address of each employer of the person For
- 4 each position of employment held by the person filing the
- 5 statements and the person's spouse:
- 6 (A) The name of the employer;
- 7 (B) The address of the employer;
- 8 (C) The job title; and
- 9 (D) A general description of job duties.
- 10 (3) The name and address of each business in which the person
- 11 filing the statement and that person's spouse has or had in the
- 12 last year an interest of at least \$10,000 at fair market value or
- 13 at least five percent ownership interest, if that interest is
- 14 valued at more than \$10,000.
- 15 (A) For the purposes of this subdivision, business interests
- 16 include, but are not limited to, an interest in:
- (i) Nonpublicly owned businesses;
- (ii) Publicly or privately traded stocks, bonds or securities,
- 19 including those held in self-administered retirement accounts; and
- 20 <u>(iii) Commercial real estate.</u>
- 21 (B) For the purposes of this subdivision, business interests
- 22 do not include specific holdings in mutual funds or retirement
- 23 accounts if neither the person filing the statement nor an
- 24 immediate family member of the person are able to control the

1 assets held in the mutual fund or retirement account.

- 2 (4) The identification, by category, of every source of income 3 over \$1,000, including distributions from retirement accounts, 4 received during the preceding calendar year, in his or her own name 5 or by any other person for his or her use or benefit, by the person 6 filing the statement, and that person's spouse, and a brief 7 description of the nature of the services income producing 8 activities for which the income was received. This subdivision 9 does not require a person filing the statement who derives income 10 from a business, profession or occupation, or who's spouse derives 11 income from a business, profession or occupation, to disclose the 12 individual sources and items of income that constitute the gross 13 income of that business, profession or occupation. nor does this 14 subdivision require a person filing the statement to report the 15 source or amount of income derived by his or her spouse.
- (5) If the person <u>filing the statement</u>, or that person's <u>spouse</u>, profited or benefitted in the year <u>prior to before</u> the date of filing from a contract for the sale of goods or services to a state, county, municipal or other local governmental agency either directly or through a partnership, corporation or association in which the person, <u>or that person's spouse</u>, owned or controlled more than ten percent, the person shall describe the nature of the goods or services and identify the governmental agencies which purchased the goods or services.

- (6) Each interest group or category listed below doing 1 2 business in this state with which the person filing the statement 3 did business or furnished services and from which the person filing 4 the statement, or that person's spouse, received more than twenty 5 percent of his or her gross income during the preceding calendar The groups or categories are electric utilities, gas 6 vear. 7 utilities, telephone utilities, water utilities, cable television 8 companies, interstate transportation companies, intrastate 9 transportation companies, oil or gas retail companies, banks, 10 savings and loan associations, loan or finance companies, 11 manufacturing companies, surface mining companies, deep mining 12 companies, mining equipment companies, chemical companies, 13 insurance companies, retail companies, beer, wine or liquor 14 companies or distributors, recreation related companies, timbering 15 companies, hospitals or other health care providers, trade 16 associations, professional associations, associations of public 17 employees or public officials, counties, cities or towns, labor 18 organizations, waste disposal companies, wholesale companies, 19 groups or associations promoting gaming or lotteries, advertising 20 companies, media companies, race tracks, and promotional companies, 21 lobbyists, economic development entities, state government, 22 construction companies, information technology and legal service 23 providers.
- 24 (7) The names of all persons, excluding that person's

1 immediate family, parents or grandparents, residing or transacting 2 business in the state to whom the person filing the statement, 3 owes, on the date of execution of this statement in the aggregate 4 in his or her own name or in the name of any other person more than 5 \$5,000. Provided, That Nothing herein shall require in this 6 <u>section requires</u> the disclosure of a mortgage on the person's 7 primary and secondary residences, or of automobile loans on 8 automobiles maintained for the use of the person's immediate 9 family, or of a student loan, nor shall this section require the 10 disclosure of debts which result from the ordinary conduct of the 11 person's business, profession or occupation or of debts of the 12 person filing the statement to any financial institution, credit 13 card company or business, in which the person has an ownership 14 interest. Provided, however, That the previous proviso shall This 15 section does not exclude from disclosure loans obtained pursuant to 16 the linked deposit program provided for in article one-a, chapter 17 twelve of this code or any other loan or debt incurred which 18 requires approval of the state or any of its political 19 subdivisions.

20 (8) The names of all persons, except immediate family members, 21 parents and grandparents, residing or transacting business in the 22 state (other than a demand or savings account in a bank, savings 23 and loan association, credit union or building and loan association 24 or other similar depository) who owes on the date of execution of

1 this statement more, in the aggregate, than \$5,000 to the person 2 filing the statement, either in his or her own name or to any other 3 person for his or her use or benefit. This subdivision does not 4 require the disclosure of debts owed to the person filing the 5 statement which debts result from the ordinary conduct of the 6 person's business, profession or occupation or of loans made by the 7 person filing the statement to any business in which the person has 8 an ownership interest.

(9) The source of each gift, including those described in 10 subdivision (2), subsection (c), section five of this article, 11 having a value of over \$100, received from a person having a direct 12 and immediate interest in a governmental activity over which the 13 person filing the statement has control, shall be reported by the 14 person filing the statement when such the gift is given to said 15 that person in his or her name or for his or her use or benefit 16 during the preceding calendar year. Provided, That effective from 17 passage of the amendments to this section enacted during the First 18 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature in two thousand five Any 19 person filing a statement required to be filed pursuant to this 20 section on or after the first day of January, two thousand five is 21 not required to report those gifts described in subdivision (2), 22 subsection (c), section five of this article that are otherwise 23 required to be reported by a registered lobbyist under section 24 four, article three of this chapter. Provided, however, That Gifts

- 1 received by will or by virtue of the laws of descent and 2 distribution, or received from one's spouse, child, grandchild, 3 parents or grandparents, or received by way of distribution from an 4 inter vivos or testamentary trust established by the spouse or 5 child, grandchild or by an ancestor of the person filing the 6 statement are not required to be reported. As used in this 7 subdivision, any series or plurality of gifts which exceeds in the 8 aggregate the sum of \$100 from the same source or donor, either 9 directly or indirectly, and in the same calendar year shall be are 10 regarded as a single gift in excess of that aggregate amount.
- 11 (10) The name of each for-profit business for which the person
 12 filing the statement, or that person's spouse, is a member of the
 13 board of directors or an officer, and a general description of the
 14 type of business.
- 15 $\frac{(10)}{(11)}$ The signature of the person filing the statement.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the Ethics Act financial disclosure filing requirements.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.