

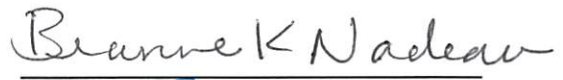



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2 Councilmember Elissa Silverman

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4 Councilmember Anita Bonds


Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau


Councilmember Charles Allen

9 A BILL

13 IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

19 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau introduced the following bill, which was referred to the
20 Committee on _____.

22 To amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and
23 Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to eliminate the requirement that
24 the Ethics Board report on the same specific questions each year, to authorize the Ethics
25 Board to impose monetary sanctions on parties for delay or bad faith in Ethics Board
26 proceedings, to change the forum for appeals of Ethics Board decisions to the District of
27 Columbia Court of Appeals, to authorize the Ethics Board to bar respondents from
28 lobbying for a period of up to 2 years upon the finding of a Code of Conduct violation, to
29 enhance confidential financial disclosure statements required of agency heads, to provide
30 reporting requirements for contributions and donations to Advisory Neighborhood
31 Commissions; and to enlarge the time to file activity reports.

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as
34 the "Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2017".

35 Sec. 2. Title II of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and
36 Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-
37 124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

38 (a) Section 202(b) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.02(b)) is amended as follows:

39 (1) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “each year. The
40 recommendations shall include:” and inserting the phrase “each year.” in its place.

41 (2) Paragraph (1) is repealed.

42 (3) Paragraph (2) is repealed.

43 (4) Paragraph (3) is repealed.

44 (5) Paragraph (4) is repealed.

45 (6) Paragraph (5) is repealed.

46 (7) Paragraph (6) is repealed.

47 (8) Paragraph (7) is repealed.

48 (9) Paragraph (8) is repealed.

49 (b) Section 215(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.15(a)) is amended by adding a new
50 paragraph (1A) to read as follows:

51 “(1A) Prohibit the respondent from serving as a lobbyist for a period of up to 2
52 years;”.

53 (c) Section 216 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.16) is amended by adding a new subsection
54 (c) to read as follows:

55 “(c) The Ethics Board may, at any stage of the proceedings, impose monetary sanctions
56 on parties for any action made in bad faith, including the filing of motions that are without
57 support of law or fact or are filed with the intent to cause unnecessary delay.”.

58 (d) Section 217 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.17) is amended by striking the phrase
59 “Superior Court of the District of Columbia” and inserting the phrase “District of Columbia
60 Court of Appeals” in its place.

61 (e) A new section 225a is added to read as follows:

62 “Sec. 225a. Disclosure of outside employment.

63 “(a) Immediately following the commencement of outside employment, a District
64 employee shall disclose such outside employment to that employee’s personnel authority,
65 including the name of the outside employer, the position held, and a description of the duties
66 required by the outside employment. Councilmembers engaged in such outside employment
67 shall make their disclosures directly with the Ethics Board.

68 “(b) On a quarterly basis, an agency head or Councilmember shall forward the
69 information required by subsection (a) of this section to the Ethics Board for review.

70 “(c) On or before April 15th of each year, the Ethics Board shall publish a list of District
71 employees who failed to file the report required by subsection (a) of this section, if applicable.”.

72 (f) A new Section 225b is added to read as follows:

73 “Sec. 225b. Advisory Neighborhood Commission disclosure.

74 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions shall
75 report all contributions and donations to the Ethics Board on an annual basis. The Ethics Board
76 may penalize an Advisory Neighborhood Commission for failure to report contributions and
77 donations in excess of \$1,000.”.

78 (g) Section 230(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.30(a)) is amended by striking the phrase
79 “10th day” and inserting the phrase “15th day” in its place.

80 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

81 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
82 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
83 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

84 **Sec. 4. Effective date.**

85 **This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the**
86 **Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as**
87 **provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December**
88 **24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of**
89 **Columbia Register.**