

CODE OF VIRGINIA
TITLE 2.2 - ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT
CHAPTER 31 - STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT

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§ 2.2-3100. Policy; application; construction.

The General Assembly, recognizing that our system of representative government is dependent in part upon (i) citizen legislative members representing fully the public in the legislative process and (ii) its citizens maintaining the highest trust in their public officers and employees, finds and declares that the citizens are entitled to be assured that the judgment of public officers and employees will be guided by a law that defines and prohibits inappropriate conflicts and requires disclosure of economic interests. To that end and for the purpose of establishing a single body of law applicable to all state and local government officers and employees on the subject of conflict of interests, the General Assembly enacts this State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act so that the standards of conduct for such officers and employees may be uniform throughout the Commonwealth.

This chapter shall supersede all general and special acts and charter provisions which purport to deal with matters covered by this chapter except that the provisions of §15.2-852, 15.2-2287 and 15.2-2289 and ordinances adopted pursuant thereto shall remain in force and effect. The provisions of this chapter shall be supplemented but not superseded by the provisions on ethics in public contracting in Article 6 (§ 2.2-4367 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of this title and ordinances adopted pursuant to § 2.2-3104.2 regulating receipt of gifts.

This chapter shall be liberally construed to accomplish its purpose.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.1; 1990, c. 672; 2001, c. 844; 2003, c. 694.)

§ 2.2-3100.1. Copy of chapter; review by officers and employees.

Any person required to file a disclosure statement of personal interests pursuant to subsections A or B of §2.2-3114, subsections A or B of § 2.2-3115 or § 2.2-3116 shall be furnished by the public body's administrator a copy of this chapter within two weeks following the person's election, reelection, employment, appointment or reappointment.

All officers and employees shall read and familiarize themselves with the provisions of this chapter.

(2004, cc. 134, 392.)

§ 2.2-3101. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"Advisory agency" means any board, commission, committee or post which does not exercise any sovereign power or duty, but is appointed by a governmental agency or officer or is created by law for the purpose of making studies or recommendations, or advising or consulting with a governmental agency.

"Affiliated business entity relationship" means a relationship, other than a parent-subsidary relationship, that exists when (i) one business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity, (ii) a controlling owner in one entity is also a controlling owner in the other entity, or (iii) there is shared management or control between the business entities. Factors that may be considered in determining the existence of an affiliated business entity relationship include that the same person or substantially the same person owns or manages the two entities, there are common or commingled funds or assets, the business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis, or there is otherwise a close working relationship between the entities.

"Business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, trust or foundation, or any other individual or entity carrying on a business or profession, whether or not for profit.

"Contract" means any agreement to which a governmental agency is a party, or any agreement on behalf of a governmental agency that involves the payment of money appropriated by the General Assembly or political subdivision, whether or not such agreement is executed in the name of the Commonwealth, or some political subdivision thereof. "Contract" includes a subcontract only when the contract of which it is a part is with the officer's or employee's own governmental agency.

"Dependent" means a son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister or other person, whether or not related by blood or marriage, if such person receives from the officer or employee, or provides to the officer or employee, more than one-half of his financial support.

"Employee" means all persons employed by a governmental or advisory agency, unless otherwise limited by the context of its use.

"Financial institution" means any bank, trust company, savings institution, industrial loan association, consumer finance company, credit union, broker-dealer as defined in §13.1-501, or investment company or advisor registered under the federal Investment Advisors Act or Investment Company Act of 1940.

"Gift" means any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value. It includes services as well as gifts of transportation, local travel, lodgings and meals, whether provided in-kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in advance or reimbursement after the expense has been incurred. "Gift" shall not include any offer of a ticket or other admission or pass unless the ticket, admission, or pass is used. "Gift" shall not include honorary degrees and presents from relatives. For the purpose of this definition, "relative" means the donee's spouse, child, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew; a person to whom the donee is engaged to be married; the donee's or his spouse's parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister; or the donee's brother's or sister's spouse.

"Governmental agency" means each component part of the legislative, executive or judicial branches of state and local government, including each office, department, authority, post, commission, committee, and each institution or board created by law to exercise some regulatory or sovereign power or duty as distinguished from purely advisory powers or duties. Corporations organized or controlled by the Virginia Retirement System are "governmental agencies" for purposes of this chapter.

"Immediate family" means (i) a spouse and (ii) any other person residing in the same household as the officer or employee, who is a dependent of the officer or employee or of whom the officer or employee is a dependent.

"Officer" means any person appointed or elected to any governmental or advisory agency including local school boards, whether or not he receives compensation or other emolument of office. Unless the context requires otherwise, "officer" includes members of the judiciary.

"Parent-subsidiary relationship" means a relationship that exists when one corporation directly or indirectly owns shares possessing more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.

"Personal interest" means a financial benefit or liability accruing to an officer or employee or to a member of his immediate family. Such interest shall exist by reason of (i) ownership in a business if the ownership interest exceeds three percent of the total equity of the business; (ii) annual income that exceeds, or may reasonably be anticipated to exceed, \$10,000 from ownership in real or personal property or a business; (iii) salary, other compensation, fringe benefits, or benefits from the use of property, or any combination thereof, paid or provided by a business or governmental agency that exceeds, or may reasonably be anticipated to exceed, \$10,000 annually; (iv) ownership of real or personal property if the interest exceeds \$10,000 in value and excluding ownership in a business, income, or salary, other compensation, fringe benefits or benefits from the use of property; (v) personal liability incurred or assumed on behalf of a business if the liability exceeds three percent of the asset value of the business; or (vi) an option for ownership of a business or real or personal property if the ownership interest will consist of (i) or (iv) above.

"Personal interest in a contract" means a personal interest that an officer or employee has in a contract with a governmental agency, whether due to his being a party to the contract or due to a personal interest in a business that is a party to the contract.

"Personal interest in a transaction" means a personal interest of an officer or employee in any matter considered by his agency. Such personal interest exists when an officer or employee or a member of his immediate family has a personal interest in property

6. Accept any business or professional opportunity when he knows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the opportunity is being afforded him to influence hi

§ 2.2-3104.2. Ordinance regulating receipt of gifts.

The governing body of any county, city, or town may adopt an ordinance setting a monetary limit on the acceptance of any gift by the officers, appointees or employees of the county, city or town and requiring the disclosure by such officers, appointees or employees of the receipt of any gift.

(2003, c. 694.)

§ 2.2-3105. Application.

This article proscribes certain conduct relating to contracts by state and local government officers and employees. The provisions of this article shall be supplemented but not superseded by the provisions on ethics in public contracting in Article 6 (§ 2.2-4367 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of this title.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.5; 2001, c. 844; 2003, c. 694.)

§ 2.2-3106. Prohibited contracts by officers and employees of state government and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

A. No officer or employee of any governmental agency of state government or Eastern Virginia Medical School shall have a personal interest in a contract with the governmental agency of which he is an officer or employee, other than his own contract of employment.

B. No officer or employee of any governmental agency of state government or Eastern Virginia Medical School shall have a personal interest in a contract with any other governmental agency of state government unless such contract is (i) awarded as a result of competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation as defined in § 2.2-4301 or (ii) is awarded after a finding, in writing, by the administrative head of the governmental agency that competitive bidding or negotiation is contrary to the best interest of the public.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. An employee's personal interest in additional contracts of employment with his own governmental agency that accrue to him as a result of his conduct as an employee.

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Virginia Medical School's employee responsible for administering each contract, the details of the institution's or the Eastern Virginia Medical School's commitment or investment of resources or finances for each contract, the details of how revenues are to be dispersed, and any other information requested by the board of visitors.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.6; 1989, c. 74; 1991, c. 470; 1993, c. 876; 1995, c. 403; 1998, c. 838; 2001, c. 844; 2002, cc. 87, 478; 2003, c. 646.)

§ 2.2-3107. Prohibited contracts by members of county boards of supervisors, city councils and town councils.

A. No person elected or appointed as a member of the governing body of a county, city or town shall have a personal interest in (i) any contract with his governing body, or (ii) any contract with any governmental agency that is a component part of his local government and which is subject to the ultimate control of the governing body of which he is a member, or (iii) any contract other than a contract of employment with any other governmental agency if such person's governing body appoints a majority of the members of the governing body of the second governmental agency.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. A member's personal interest in a contract of employment provided (i) the officer or employee was employed by the governmental agency prior to July 1, 1983, in accordance with the provisions of the former Conflict of Interests Act, Chapter 22 (§ 2.1-347 et seq.) of Title 2.1 as it existed on June 30, 1983, or (ii) the employment first began prior to the member becoming a member of the governing body;

2. Contracts for the sale by a governmental agency of services or goods at uniform prices available to the public; or

3. A contract awarded to a member of a governing body as a result of competitive sealed bidding where the governing body has established a need for the same or substantially similar goods through purchases prior to the election or appointment of the member to serve on the governing body. However, the member shall have no involvement in the preparation of the specifications for such contract, and the remaining members of the governing body, by written resolution, shall state that it is in the public interest for the member to bid on such contract.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.7; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3108. Prohibited contracts by members of school boards.

A. No person elected or appointed as a member of a local school board shall have a personal interest in (i) any contract with his school board or (ii) any contract with any governmental agency that is subject to the ultimate control of the school board of which he is a member.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. A member's personal interest in a contract of employment provided the employment first began prior to the member becoming a member of the school board;

2. Contracts for the sale by a governmental agency of services or goods at uniform prices available to the public; or

3. A contract awarded to a member of a school board as a result of competitive sealed bidding where the school board has established a need for the same or substantially similar goods through purchases prior to the election or appointment of the member to serve on the school board. However, the member shall have no involvement in the preparation of the specifications for such contract, and the remaining members of the school board, by written resolution, shall state that it is in the public interest for the member to bid on such contract.

(1996, c. 548, § 2.1-639.7:1; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3109. Prohibited contracts by other officers and employees of local governmental agencies.

A. No other officer or employee of any governmental agency of local government shall have a personal interest in a contract with the agency of which he is an officer or employee other than his own contract of employment.

B. No officer or employee of any governmental agency of local government shall have a personal interest in a contract with any other governmental agency that is a component of the government of his county, city or town unless such contract is (i) awarded as a result of competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation as defined in §§ 2.2-4301 or is awarded as a result of a procedure embodying competitive principles as authorized by subdivisions 10 or 11 of §§ 2.2-4343 or (ii) is awarded after a finding, in writing, by the administrative head of the governmental agency that competitive bidding or negotiation is contrary to the best interest of the public.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. An employee's personal interest in additional contracts of employment with his own governmental agency that accrue to him because of a member of his immediate family, provided the employee does not exercise any control over the employment or the employment activities of the member of his immediate family and the employee is not in a position to influence those activities;

2. An officer's or employee's personal interest in a contract of employment with any other governmental

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employment in state government, including members of the governing bodies of authorities, as may be designated by the Governor or, in the case of officers or employees of the legislative branch, by the Joint Rules Committee of the General Assembly, shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and such other information as is specified on the form set forth in § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before January 15.

B. Nonsalaried citizen members of all policy and supervisory boards, commissions and councils in the executive branch of state government, other than the Commonwealth Transportation Board, members of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System, and the State Lottery Board, shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure form of their personal interests and such other information as is specified on the form set forth in § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such form annually on or before January 15. Nonsalaried citizen members of other boards, commissions and councils, including advisory boards and authorities, may be required to file a disclosure form if so designated by the Governor, in which case the form shall be that set forth in § 2.2-3118.

C. The disclosure forms required by subsections A and B shall be provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to each officer and employee so designated, including officers appointed by legislative authorities, not later than November 30 of each year. Disclosure forms shall be filed and maintained as public records for five years in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

D. Candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General shall file a disclosure statement of their personal interests as required by § 24.2-502.

E. Any officer or employee of state government who has a personal interest in any transaction before the governmental or advisory agency of which he is an officer or employee and who is disqualified from participating in that transaction pursuant to subdivision A 1 of § 2.2-3112, or otherwise elects to disqualify himself, shall forthwith make disclosure of the existence of his interest, including the full name and address of the business and the address or parcel number for the real estate if the interest involves a business or real estate, and his disclosure shall also be reflected in the public records of the agency for five years in the office of the administrative head of the officer's or employee's governmental agency or advisory agency or, if the agency has a clerk, in the clerk's office.

F. An officer or employee of state government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to subdivision A 2 of § 2.2-3112, shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) the nature of the officer's or employee's personal interest affected by the transaction, (iii) that he is a member of a business, profession, occupation, or group the members of which are affected by the transaction, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes for his agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his governmental or advisory agency, as appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the officer or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day.

G. An officer or employee of state government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3112, shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) that a party to the transaction is a client of his firm, (iii) that he does not personally represent or provide services to the client, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes for his agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his governmental or advisory agency, as appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the officer or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.13; 1988, cc. 767, 849; 1992, c. 710; 1993, c. 303; 1997, c. 641; 2001, cc. 217, 844; 2003, c. 694; 2005, c. 169.)

himself, shall forthwith make disclosure of the existence of his interest, including the full name and address of the business and the address or parcel number for the real estate if the interest involves a business or real estate, and his disclosure shall be reflected in the public records of the agency for five years in the office of the administrative head of the officer's or employee's governmental or advisory agency.

F. In addition to any disclosure required by subsections A and B, in each county and city and in towns with populations in excess of 3,500, members of planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, real estate assessors, and all county, city and town managers or executive officers shall make annual disclosures of all their interests in real estate located in the county, city or town in which they are elected, appointed, or employed. Such disclosure shall include any business in which such persons own an interest, or from which income is received, if the primary purpose of the business is to own, develop or derive compensation through the sale, exchange or development of real estate in the county, city or town. Such disclosure shall be filed as a condition to assuming office or employment, and thereafter shall be filed annually with the clerk of the governing body of such county, city or town on or before January 15. Such disclosures shall be filed and maintained as public records for five years. Forms for the filing of such reports shall be prepared and distributed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the clerk of each governing body.

G. An officer or employee of local government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to subdivision A 2 of § 2.2-3112 shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) the nature of the officer's or employee's personal interest affected by the transaction, (iii) that he is a member of a business, profession, occupation, or group the members of which are affected by the transaction, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes of his agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his government

§ 2.2-3117. Disclosure form.

The disclosure form to be used for filings required by § 2.2-3114 A and D, and § 2.2-3115 A and D shall be substantially as follows:

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

Name.....
Office or position held or sought.....
Home address.....
Names of members of immediate family.....

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATORY MATERIAL.

"Immediate family" means (i) a spouse and (ii) any other person residing in the same household as the officer or employee, who is a dependent of the officer or employee or of whom the officer or employee is a dependent.

"Dependent" means any person, whether or not related by blood or marriage, who receives from the officer or employee, or provides to the officer or employee, more than one-half of his financial support.

"Business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, trust or foundation, or any other individual or entity carrying on a business or profession, whether or not for profit.

"Close financial association" does not mean an association based on the receipt of retirement benefits or deferred compensation from a business by which the person filing this statement is no longer employed. "Close financial association" does not include an association based on the receipt of compensation for work performed by the person filing as an independent contractor

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule A.

2. Personal Liabilities.

Do you or a member of your immediate family owe more than \$10,000 to any one creditor including contingent liabilities? (Exclude debts to any government and loans secured by recorded liens on property at least equal in value to the loan.)

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule B.

3. Securities.

Do you or a member of your immediate family, directly or indirectly, separately or together, own securities valued in excess of \$10,000 invested in one business? Account for mutual funds, limited partnerships and trusts.

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule C.

4. Payments for Talks, Meetings, and Publications.

During the past 12 months did you receive lodging, transportation, money, or anything else of value with a combined value exceeding \$200 for a single talk, meeting, or published work in your capacity as an officer or employee of your agency?

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule D.

5. Gifts.

During the past 12 months did a business, government, or individual other than a relative or personal friend (i) furnish you with any gift or entertainment at a single event, and the value received by you exceeded \$50 in value or (ii) furnish you with gifts or entertainment in any combination and the value received by you exceeded \$100 in total value; and for which you neither paid nor rendered services in exchange? Account for entertainment events only if the average value per person attending the event exceeded \$50 in value. Account for all business entertainment (except if related to your private profession or occupation) even if unrelated to your official duties.

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule E.

6. Salary and Wages.

List each employer that pays you or a member of your immediate family salary or wages in excess of \$10,000 annually. (Exclude state or local government or advisory agencies.)

If no reportable salary or wages, check here //.

7. Business Interests.

Do you or a member of your immediate family, separately or together, operate your own business, or own or control an interest in excess of \$10,000 in a business?

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule F.

8. Payments for Representation and Other Services.

8A. Did you represent any businesses before any state governmental agencies, excluding courts or judges, for which you received total compensation during the past 12 months in excess of \$1,000, excluding compensation for other services to such businesses and representation consisting solely of the filing of mandatory papers and subsequent representation regarding the mandatory papers? (Officers and employees of local governmental and advisory agencies do NOT need to answer this question or complete Schedule G-1.)

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule G-1.

8B. Subject to the same exceptions as in 8A, did persons with whom you have a close financial association (partners, associates or others) represent any businesses before any state governmental agency for which total compensation was received during the past 12 months in excess of \$1,000? (Officers and employees of local governmental and advisory agencies do NOT need to answer this question or complete Schedule G-2.)

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule G-2.

8C. Did you or persons with whom you have a close financial association furnish services to businesses operating in Virginia for which total compensation in excess of \$1,000 was received during the past 12 months?

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule G-3.

9. Real Estate.

9A. State Officers and Employees.

Do you or a member of your immediate family hold an interest, including a partnership interest, valued at \$10,000 or more in real property (other than your principal residence) for which you have not already listed the full address on Schedule F? Account for real estate held in trust.

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule H-1.

9B. Local Officers and Employees.

Do you or a member of your immediate family hold an interest, including a partnership interest, valued at \$10,000 or more in real property located in the county, city or town in which you serve or in a county, city or town contiguous to the county, city or town in which you serve (other than your principal residence) for which you have not already listed the full address on Schedule F? Account for real estate held in trust.

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule H-2.

10. Real Estate Contracts with Governmental Agencies.

Do you or a member of your immediate family hold an interest valued at more than \$10,000 in real estate, including a corporate, partnership, or trust interest, option, easement, or land contract, which real estate is the subject of a contract, whether pending or completed within the past 12 months, with a governmental agency? If the real estate contract provides for the leasing of the property to a governmental agency, do you or a member of your immediate family hold an interest in the real estate valued at more than \$1,000? Account for all such contracts whether or not your interest is reported in Schedule F, H-1, or H-2. This requirement to disclose an interest in a lease does not apply to an interest derived through an ownership interest in a business unless the ownership interest exceeds three percent of the total equity of the business.

EITHER check NO // OR check YES // and complete Schedule I.

Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. AFFIRMATION BY ALL FILERS.

Individual creditors:
(State principal business or occupation of each creditor.)

2. The personal debts of the members of my immediate family are as follows:

Check appropriate categories	Check one \$10,001 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000
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Banks
Savings institutions
Other loan or finance companies
Insurance companies
Stock, commodity or other brokerage companies
Other businesses:
(State principal business activity for each creditor.)

Individual creditors:
(State principal business or occupation of each creditor.)

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SCHEDULE C - SECURITIES.

"Securities" INCLUDES stocks, bonds, mutual funds, limited partnerships, and commodity futures contracts, contracts, and insurance policies.

"Securities" EXCLUDES certificates of deposit, money market funds, annuity

Identify each business or Virginia governmental entity in which you or a member of your immediate family, directly or indirectly, separately or together, own securities valued in excess of \$10,000.

Do not list U.S. Bonds or other government securities not issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia or its authorities, agencies, or local governments. Do not list organizations that do not do business in this Commonwealth, but most major businesses conduct business in Virginia. Account for securities held in trust.

If no reportable securities, check here / /.

	Type of Security	Check one
Name of Issuer	Entity (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)	More \$10,001 to \$50,000 than \$50,000
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SCHEDULE D - PAYMENTS FOR TALKS, MEETINGS, AND PUBLICATIONS.

List each source from which you received during the past 12 months lodging, transportation, money, or any other thing of value (excluding meals or drinks coincident with a meeting) with combined value exceeding \$200 for your presentation of a single talk, participation in one meeting, or publication of a work in your capacity as an officer or employee of your agency.

List payments or reimbursements by an advisory or governmental agency only for meetings or travel outside the Commonwealth.

List a payment even if you donated it to charity.

Do not list information about a payment if you returned it within 60 days or if you received it from an employer already listed under Item 6 or from a source of income listed on Schedule F.

If no payment must be listed, check here //.

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SCHEDULE E - GIFTS.

List each business, governmental entity, or individual

Name of Business, Organization, or Individual	City or County and State	Gift or Event	Approximate Value
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SCHEDULE F - BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Complete this Schedule for each self-owned or family-owned business (including rental property, a farm, or consulting work), partnership, or corporation in which you or a member of your immediate family, separately or together, own an interest having a value in excess of \$10,000.

If the enterprise is owned or operated under a trade, partnership, or corporate name, list that name; otherwise, merely explain the nature of the enterprise. If rental property is owned or operated under a trade, partnership, or corporate name, list the name only; otherwise, give the address of each property. Account for business interests held in trust.

Name of Business, Corporation, Partnership, Farm; Address of Rental Property	City or County and State	Nature of Enterprise (farming, law, rental property, etc.)	Gross income \$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
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SCHEDULE G-1 - PAYMENTS FOR REPRESENTATION BY YOU.

List the businesses you represented before any state governmental agency, excluding any court or judge, for which you received total compensation during the past 12 months in excess of \$1,000, excluding compensation for other services to such businesses and representation consisting solely of the filing of mandatory papers and subsequent representation regarding the mandatory papers filed by you.

Identify each business, the nature of the representation and the amount received by dollar category from each such business. You may state the type, rather than name, of the business if you are required by law not to reveal the name of the business represented by you.

Only STATE officers and employees should complete this Schedule.

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- Electric utilities
- Gas utilities
- Telephone utilities
- Water utilities
- Cable television
- companies
- Interstate
- transportation
- companies
- Intrastate
- transportation
- companies
- Oil or gas retail
- companies
- Banks
- Savings institutions
- Loan or finance
- companies
- Manufacturing
- companies (state
- type of product,
- e.g., textile,
- furniture, etc.)
- Mining companies
- Life insurance
- companies
- Casualty insurance
- companies
- Other insurance
- companies
- Retail companies
- Beer, wine or liquor
- companies or
- distributors
- Trade associations
- Professional
- associations
- Associations of
- public employees or
- officials
- Counties, cities or
- towns
- Labor organizations
- Other

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SCHEDULE H-1 - REAL ESTATE - STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

List real estate other than your principal residence in which you or a member of your immediate family holds an interest, including a partnership interest, option, easement, or land contract, valued at \$10,000 or more. You may list each parcel of real estate individually if you wish.

List each location (state, and county or city) where you own real estate.	Describe the type of real estate you own in each location (business, recreational, apartment, commercial, open land, etc.).	If the real estate is owned or recorded in a name other than your own, list that name.
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SCHEDULE H-2 - REAL ESTATE - LOCAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

List real estate located in your county, city, or town, and any contiguous county, city, or town other than your principal residence in which you or a member of your immediate family holds an interest, including a partnership interest, option, easement, or land contract, valued at \$10,000 or more. You may list each parcel of real estate individually if you wish.

List each location (state, and county	Describe the type of real estate you own in each	If the real estate is owned or recorded in
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List your real estate interest and the person or entity, including the type of entity, which is party to the contract. Describe any management role and the percentage ownership interest you or your immediate family	List each governmental agency which is a party to the contract and indicate the county or city where the real estate is located.	State the annual income from the contract, and the amount, if any, of income you or any immediate family member derives annually from the contract.
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Name.....
Office or position held or to be held

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Address.....

I. FINANCIAL INTERESTS

My personal interests and those of my immediate family are as follows:

Include all forms of personal interests held at the time of filing: real estate, stocks, bonds, equity interests in proprietorships and partnerships.

You may exclude:

1. Deposits and interest bearing accounts in banks, savings institutions and other institutions accepting such deposits or accounts;
2. Interests in any business, other than a news medium, representing less than three percent of the total equity value of the business;
3. Liability on behalf of any business representing less than three percent of the total assets of such business; and
4. Income (other than from salary) less than \$10,000 annually from any business. You need not state the value of any interest. You must state the name or principal business activity of each business in which you have a personal interest.

A. My personal interests are:

1. Residence, address, or, if no address, location.....
2. Other real estate, address, or, if no address, location.....
3. Name or principal business activity of each business in which stock, bond or equity interest is held.....

B. The personal interests of my immediate family are:

1. Real estate, address or, if no address, location.....
2. Name or principal business activity of each business in which stock, bond or equity interest is held.....

II. OFFICES, DIRECTORSHIPS AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENTS

The paid offices, paid directorships and salaried employments which I hold or which members of my immediate family hold and the businesses from which I or members of my immediate family receive retirement benefits are as follows:

(You need not state any dollar amounts.)

A. My paid offices, paid directorships and salaried employments are:

Position held	Name of business
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B. The paid offices, paid directorships and salaried employments of members of my immediate family are:

Position held	Name of business
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III. BUSINESSES TO WHICH SERVICES WERE FURNISHED

A. The businesses I have represented before any state governmental agency, excluding any court or judge, for which I have received total compensation in excess of \$1,000 during the preceding year, excluding compensation for other services to such businesses and representation consisting solely of the filing of mandatory papers, are as follows:

Identify businesses by name and name the state governmental agencies before which you appeared on behalf of such businesses.

Name of business	Name of governmental agency
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B. The businesses that, to my knowledge, have been represented before any state governmental agency, excluding any court or judge, by persons with whom I have a close financial association and who received total compensation in excess of \$1,000 during the preceding year, excluding compensation for other services to such businesses and representation consisting solely of the filing of mandatory papers, are as follows:

Identify businesses by type and name the state governmental agencies before which such person appeared on behalf of such businesses.

Type of business	Name of state governmental agency
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C. All other businesses listed below that operate in Virginia to which services were furnished and for which total compensation in excess of \$1000 was received during the preceding year:

Check each category of business to which services were furnished.

Electric utilities

employees of local governmental or advisory agencies shall not be required to disclose under Part I of the form any other interests in real estate.

(1988, c. 849, § 2.1-639.15:1; 1996, c. 77; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3118.1. Special provisions for individuals serving in or seeking multiple positions or offices; reappointees.

A. The filing of a single current statement of economic interests by a state officer or employee required to file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3117 shall suffice for the purposes of this chapter as filing for all state positions or offices held or sought by such individual during a single reporting period. The filing of a single current financial disclosure statement by a state officer or employee required to file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3118 shall suffice for the purposes of this chapter as filing for all state positions or offices held or sought by such individual and requiring the filing of the § 2.2-3118 form during a single reporting period.

B. Any individual who has met the requirement for annually filing a statement provided in § 2.2-3117 or 2.2-

shall be recovered from the individual by action or suit in the name of the Commonwealth on the petition of the attorney for the Commonwealth. Recovered funds shall be paid into the local treasury for the use of the public schools.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.16; 1994, c. 758; 1995, c. 186; 1997, c. 84; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3120. Knowing violation of chapter a misdemeanor.

Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of Articles 2 through 6 (§§ 2.2-3102 through 2.2-3119) of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, except that any member of a local governing body who knowingly violates § 2.2-3112 A or § 2.2-3115 C or E shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. A knowing violation under this section is one in which the person engages in conduct, performs an act or refuses to perform an act when he knows that the conduct is prohibited or required by this chapter.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.17; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3121. Advisory opinions.

A. A state officer or employee shall not be prosecuted for a knowing violation of this chapter if the alleged violation resulted from his good faith reliance on a written opinion of the Attorney General made in response to his written request for such opinion and the opinion was made after a full disclosure of the facts.

B. A local officer or employee shall not be prosecuted for a knowing violation of this chapter if the alleged violation resulted from his good faith reliance on a written opinion of the attorney for the Commonwealth made in response to his written request for such opinion and the opinion was made after a full disclosure of the facts. The written opinion shall be a public record and shall be released upon request.

C. If any officer or employee serving at the local level of government is charged with a knowing violation of this chapter, and the alleged violation resulted from his reliance upon a written opinion of his city, county or town attorney, made after a full disclosure of the facts, that such action was not in violation of this chapter, then the officer or employee shall have the right to introduce a copy of the opinion at his trial as evidence that he did not knowingly violate this chapter.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.18; 2001, c. 844; 2003, c. 694.)

§ 2.2-3122. Knowing violation of chapter constitutes malfeasance in office or employment.

Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or employment. Upon conviction thereof, the judge or jury trying the case, in addition to any other fine or penalty provided by law, may order the forfeiture of such office or employment.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.19; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3123. Invalidation of contract; rescission of sales.

A. Any contract made in violation of § 2.2-3103 or §§ 2.2-3106 through 2.2-3109 may be declared void and may be rescinded by the governing body of the contracting or selling governmental agency within five years of the date of such contract. In cases in which the contract is invalidated, the contractor shall retain or receive only the reasonable value, with no increment for profit or commission, of the property or services furnished prior to the date of receiving notice that the contract has been voided. In cases of rescission of a contract of sale, any refund or restitution shall be made to the contracting or selling governmental agency.

B. Any purchase by an officer or employee made in violation of § 2.2-3103 or §§ 2.2-3106 through 2.2-3109 may be rescinded by the governing body of the contracting or selling governmental agency within five years of the date of such purchase.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.20; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3124. Forfeiture of money, etc., derived from violation of this chapter.

In addition to any other fine or penalty provided by law, any money or other thing of value derived by an officer or employee from a violation of §§ 2.2-3103 through 2.2-3112 shall be forfeited and, in the event of a knowing violation, there may also be imposed a civil penalty in an amount equal to the amount of money or thing of value forfeited to the Commonwealth or the local government as the case may be. If the thing of value received by the officer or employee in violation of this chapter should enhance in value between the time of the violation and the time of discovery of the violation, the greater value shall determine the amount of forfeiture.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.21; 1994, cc. 727, 776; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3125. Limitation of actions.

The statute of limitations for the criminal prosecution of a person for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be one year from the time the Attorney General, if the violation is by a state officer or employee, or the attorney for the Commonwealth, if the violation is by a local officer or employee, has actual knowledge of the violation or five years from the date of the violation, whichever event occurs first. Any prosecution for malfeasance in office shall be governed by the statute of limitations provided by law.

(1987, Sp. Sess., c. 1, § 2.1-639.22; 2001, c. 844.)

§ 2.2-3126. Enforcement.

A. The provisions of this chapter relating to an officer or employee serving at the state level of government shall be enforced by the Attorney General.

In addition to any other powers and duties prescribed by law, the Attorney General shall have the following powers and duties within the area for which he is responsible under this section:

1. He shall advise the agencies of state government and officers and employees
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years after each course is given. These records shall be public records subject to inspection and copying consistent with § 2.2-3704.

(2004, cc. 134, 392.)

§ 2.2-3130. Attendance requirements.

Except as set forth in § 2.2-3131, each state filer shall attend the orientation course required in § 2.2-3128, as follows:

1. For a state filer who holds a position with the agency on January 1, 2004, not later than December 31, 2004 and, thereafter, at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years commencing on January 1, 2006.
2. For a person who becomes a state filer with the agency after January 1, 2004, within two months after he or she becomes a state filer and at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years commencing on the first odd-numbered year thereafter.

(2004, cc. 134, 392.)

§ 2.2-3131. Exemptions.

A. The requirements of § [2.2-3130](#) shall not apply to state filers with a state agency who have taken an equivalent ethics orientation course through another state agency within the time periods set forth in subdivision 1 or 2 of § [2.2-3130](#), as applicable.

B. State agencies may jointly conduct and state filers from more than one state agency may jointly attend an orientation course required by § [2.2-3128](#), as long as the course content is relevant to the official duties of the attending state filers.

C. Before conducting each orientation course required by § [2.2-3128](#), state agencies shall consult with the Attorney General regarding appropriate course content.

(2004, cc. 134, 392.)