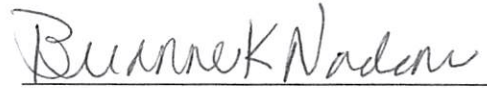


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2 Councilmember David Grosso



Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau



Councilmember Elissa Silverman

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

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33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as  
34 the "Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2019".

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:

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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41 (2) Paragraph (1) is repealed.

42 (3) Paragraph (2) is repealed.

43 (4) Paragraph (3) is repealed.

44 (5) Paragraph (4) is repealed.

45 (6) Paragraph (5) is repealed.

46 (7) Paragraph (6) is repealed.

47 (8) Paragraph (7) is repealed.

48 (9) Paragraph (8) is repealed.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 211 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.11) is amended by adding a new paragraph  
50 (9) to read as follows:

51 “(9) “Issue a search warrant for electronic evidence as it relates to an investigation  
52 of a matter under the authority of this office, subject to the majority approval of the Board.”.

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

55 “(1A) Prohibit the respondent from serving as a lobbyist for a period of up to 2  
56 years;”.

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

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

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

65 (f) A new section 225a is added to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

76 (g) A new Section 225b is added to read as follows:

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

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

82 (h) Section 230(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.30(a)) is amended by striking the phrase  
83 “10th day” and inserting the phrase “15th day” in its place.

84 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

88           Sec. 4. Effective date.

89           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
90 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
91 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
92 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
93 Columbia Register.