



Issue Spotlight: Ethics Reform

We are committed to accountable and transparent government. We want government officials to be held to the highest ethical standards. Our goal is to continue building public trust between Floridians and their elected officials.

The following bills advance this commitment by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in government. Please refer to bill texts and analyses for more complete and specific information on each bill.

Ethics Reform- HB 1, Rep. Sabatini

- Enacts reforms to conflict of interest law so government employees and elected officials serve the public and do not use their positions for private gain.
- Some of the reforms related to conflicts of interest in the bill include:
 - Prohibiting state and local officers or employees from soliciting a job from a business or entity that the officer or employee's agency has regulatory power over.
 - Requiring disclosure and reporting on offers of conflicting employment.
 - Requiring state legislators and statewide elected officers to disclose changes in employment and pay raises immediately when the employer has interests in the legislative process.
 - Revising executive branch lobbying registration requirements.

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Government Integrity- HB 1047, Rep. Tomkow

- Includes provisions designed to promote integrity in government while identifying and eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, and misconduct in government.
- Some of the measures in the bill include:
 - Creating the Florida Accountability Office under the Auditor General and providing duties, powers, and requirements.
 - Providing criminal penalties to those unreasonably delaying an audit and providing investigative duties to the Chief Inspector General and agency inspector generals.
 - Enhancing procurement law for state entities providing more accountability relating to our state's spending.
 - Awarding financial incentives for government employees and state contracted employees who report cases of misconduct or abuse in government under the Whistle-blower's Act.

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