

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The major changes to the House Ethics rule (Rule 45) are as follows: 1) all meetings are closed; 2) there are no attorneys as advisors or otherwise; 3) the chairman of the Ethics committee is elected by the committee; and 4) a verbal report will be made by the committee chairman to the body of the number of complaints received and their disposition. House Rule 26 is amended to strike the provision respecting the exception to the Open Meetings rule as it is no longer necessary.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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