



Annual Report 2024

New York State Senate
Standing Committee on

Ethics and Internal Governance

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December 4, 2024

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance for the 2024 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2024 session, this committee met 1 time in session and reported 5 bills.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil D. Breslin".

Neil D. Breslin
Member of Senate

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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE

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Chairperson**

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Andrew Lanza

Anthony Palumbo

Steven Rhoads

Committee Staff

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Julianna Glassanos – Associate Counsel

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning public officers' law and the legislative law.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, 28 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 5 were reported from the Committee, including 3 which were passed by the Senate. This work was conducted at one committee meeting. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2024:

- S150A/Gianaris – Prohibits the State from reimbursing a state employee for their legal fees which were paid for by a campaign committee or legal defense fund. A version of this language was included in the Senate One-House budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
- S3310A/Skoufis – Prohibits public servants and political party chairs from receiving compensation for legal fees, consulting, or other work performed for an industrial development agency (IDA) or economic assistance corporation.
- S6817/Fernandez – Removes Question 8(b) from the long-form financial disclosure statement (FDS), which inquires about services the filer provided outside of state service to clients and customers between July 1, 2012, and December 31, 2015.
- S7883/Gianaris – Requires disclosure of lobbying activities concerning appointments of high State officials, such as commissioners of State agencies and judges of the Court of Appeals, who are nominated by the Governor and then confirmed or rejected by the Senate.
- S3574A/Skoufis – Requires the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG) to post online, for public review, any financial disclosure statement (FDS) filed by candidates for statewide office and for state legislature candidates. Currently, COELIG is only required to publish the FDS forms it receives from elected officials.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S02164A	Liu	Authorizes the commission on ethics and lobbying in government to provide a training course concerning anti-sexual harassment training for lobbyists; requires lobbyists to complete the course annually.	Reported to Senate Finance
S03310A	Skoufis	Prohibits certain persons from receiving compensation for legal fees, consulting, or other work performed for an industrial development agency, an economic assistance corporation or state or local authority.	Passed the Senate
S03574A	Skoufis	Relates to posting financial disclosure filings for candidates for statewide office or candidates for a member of the legislature.	Senate Rules
S06817	Fernandez	Modifies the requirements for financial disclosures for certain state and legislative officials, officers and employees.	Passed the Senate
S09257	Breslin	Authorizes the imposition of late fees for failure to timely complete the on-line training course for lobbyists and clients.	Senate Rules



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