



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Public Corruption Transparency Act. Establishes an electronic database within the Illinois State Police to be known as the Illinois Public Corruption Registry. Provides that the Registry shall be published online on a publicly available website, and shall be freely searchable by the public without registration or fee. Provides that the clerk of each circuit court, with respect to criminal and civil cases, the Executive Ethics Commission, Office of the Executive Inspector General, Legislative Inspector General, local government ethics commissions or boards where established; and the Attorney General and each State's Attorney, with respect to corruption-related settlements, consent decrees, and deferred or no-prosecution agreements, shall report any final disposition involving a public corruption offense. Provides that the Registry shall not publish Social Security numbers, full dates of birth, home addresses, personal phone numbers, or bank or account numbers or the identities of minor victims or protected persons as defined by law. Provides that an entry in the Registry shall be created when a reportable final disposition occurs in Illinois and the Illinois State Police receives a certified report. Provides that entries in the Registry shall remain publicly accessible for 10 years from final disposition for misdemeanor level public corruption offenses, 20 years from final disposition for felony level public corruption offenses, and the duration of any court ordered or statutory disqualification from public office, public employment, or public contracting, if longer. Provides that any person who knowingly and willfully submits materially false information to the Registry commits a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a subsequent offense, in addition to any other penalties under Illinois law. Effective January 1, 2027.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Public Corruption Transparency and Registry Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to enhance  
7 public confidence in Illinois government by ensuring  
8 transparent reporting of public corruption cases, to deter  
9 corruption by requiring public disclosure of substantiated  
10 violations involving Illinois public officials, employees, and  
11 those doing business with public bodies, and to support the  
12 Attorney General, Illinois State Police, State's Attorneys,  
13 Inspectors General, and other oversight bodies in identifying  
14 corruption risks and trends.

15 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

16 "Final disposition" means a final judgment, order, or  
17 decision that is no longer subject to direct appeal as of  
18 right, including:

19 (1) a criminal conviction in any Illinois Court,  
20 including by plea or verdict;

21 (2) a civil or administrative finding of liability by  
22 a court, the Executive Ethics Commission, a local ethics

1 board, or comparable body; and

2 (3) a consent judgment, settlement, or formal  
3 agreement by which a person does not contest, or is  
4 sanctioned for public corruption related conduct.

5 "Public corruption offense" means any criminal, civil, or  
6 administrative offense under Illinois law or applicable  
7 federal law prosecuted or enforced in Illinois that involves:

8 (1) bribery, official misconduct, or a violation of  
9 Article 33 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or comparable  
10 local provisions;

11 (2) theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of public  
12 funds or public resources;

13 (3) fraud, including grant, procurement, vendor, tax,  
14 or benefits fraud, where a public body is the victim; or

15 (4) unlawful conflicts of interest, bid-rigging, or  
16 pay-to-play schemes in violations of Illinois ethics,  
17 campaign finance, or procurement laws.

18 "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as in  
19 the Freedom of Information Act.

20 "Registry" means the Illinois Public Corruption Registry  
21 established under Section 15.

22 "Responsible agency" means the Illinois State Police,  
23 acting through its Special Investigations Unit or successor  
24 unit with statewide responsibility for public corruption  
25 investigations, in coordination with the Office of the  
26 Attorney General.

1           Section 15. Establishment of the Illinois Public  
2 Corruption Registry. There is hereby established within the  
3 Illinois State Police an electronic database to be known as  
4 the Illinois Public Corruption Registry. The responsible  
5 agency shall, in consultation with the Attorney General's  
6 Public Integrity Bureau, maintain and administer the Registry,  
7 including by:

8           (1) verifying information required under this Act;

9           (2) maintaining, updating, and publishing the Registry  
10 on a publicly available website; and

11           (3) coordinating with Illinois Courts, State's  
12 Attorneys, the Attorney General, Inspectors General,  
13 ethics commissions, and local governments.

14           The Registry shall be:

15           (1) freely searchable by the public without  
16 registration or fee;

17           (2) accessible online via the Illinois State Police  
18 website; and

19           (3) searchable by name, public body, office or  
20 position, county, type of offense, date, and disposition.

21           The Registry shall be updated at least once every 30 days  
22 and more frequently where feasible.

23           Section 20. Reportable cases and data elements.

24           (a) The following Illinois entities shall report to the

1 responsible agency any final disposition involving a public  
2 corruption offense:

3 (1) the clerk of each circuit court, with respect to  
4 criminal and civil cases;

5 (2) the Executive Ethics Commission, Office of the  
6 Executive Inspector General, Legislative Inspector  
7 General;

8 (3) local government ethics commissions or boards  
9 where established; and

10 (4) the Attorney General and each State's Attorney,  
11 with respect to corruption-related settlements, consent  
12 decrees, and deferred or no-prosecution agreements.

13 (b) For each reportable final disposition, the reporting  
14 entity shall provide, to the extent permitted by law:

15 (1) the full name of the individual or legal entity  
16 found liable or convicted;

17 (2) the year of birth or other statutorily authorized  
18 unique identifier;

19 (3) the status at time of conduct, such as an elected  
20 official, State employee, contractor, vendor, or lobbyist;

21 (4) the title or position and employing public entity,  
22 if applicable;

23 (5) the case caption, docket number, county, and court  
24 or administrative body;

25 (6) the statutes or regulations violated, including  
26 any citation to the Criminal Code of 2012;

1 (7) the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act, or  
2 relevant ethics or procurement statutes;

3 (8) a brief neutral summary of conduct;

4 (9) the date of final disposition; and

5 (10) the sanctions imposed, including incarceration,  
6 probation, fines, restitution, forfeiture, debarment, or  
7 loss of office.

8 (c) The responsible agency may adopt standardized  
9 electronic reporting formats and may integrate the Registry  
10 with existing Illinois State Police public-corruption  
11 reporting tools and case-tracking systems.

12 Section 25. Publication standards, privacy and  
13 corrections.

14 (a) The Registry shall not publish:

15 (1) Social Security numbers, full dates of birth, home  
16 addresses, personal phone numbers, or bank or account  
17 numbers; or

18 (2) identities of minor victims or protected persons  
19 as defined by law.

20 (b) Individuals shall not be listed in the Registry based  
21 solely on unsubstantiated allegations or ongoing  
22 investigations; only final dispositions are included, subject  
23 to subsection (d).

24 (c) The responsible agency shall establish procedures to:

25 (1) correct clerical or factual errors upon verified

1 request; and

2 (2) remove or appropriately annotate entries within 30  
3 days of receiving an order vacating, reversing, or  
4 expunging the underlying disposition.

5 (d) Nothing in this Act authorizes disclosure of records  
6 that are sealed, expunged, or otherwise confidential under  
7 Illinois law, including juvenile records and records protected  
8 under the Freedom of Information Act, except to the extent non  
9 confidential elements can be lawfully disclosed.

10 Section 30. Inclusion criteria and duration of listing

11 (a) An entry shall be created when:

12 (1) a reportable final disposition occurs in Illinois;  
13 and

14 (2) the responsible agency receives a certified report  
15 under Section 15.

16 (b) Entries shall remain in the public portion of the  
17 Registry for:

18 (1) 10 years from final disposition for misdemeanor  
19 level public corruption offenses;

20 (2) 20 years from final disposition for felony level  
21 public corruption offenses; and

22 (3) the duration of any court ordered or statutory  
23 disqualification from public office, public employment, or  
24 public contracting, if longer.

25 (c) The General Assembly may provide, by later law, for

1 anonymization or archival of older entries while preserving  
2 access for law enforcement, the Attorney General, and  
3 oversight agencies.

4 Section 35. Duties of the responsible agency and Attorney  
5 General.

6 (a) The responsible agency shall:

7 (1) adopt rules under the Illinois Administrative  
8 Procedure Act to implement this Act;

9 (2) maintain and secure the Registry and ensure user  
10 friendly public access; and

11 (3) coordinate with the Attorney General, State's  
12 Attorneys, and Inspectors General on data quality and  
13 completeness.

14 (b) The Attorney General's Office, through the Public  
15 Integrity Bureau, shall:

16 (1) provide guidance to reporting entities on what  
17 constitutes a public corruption offense under Illinois  
18 law;

19 (2) use Registry data, where appropriate, to inform  
20 public corruption enforcement priorities and statewide  
21 integrity initiatives; and

22 (3) include aggregate statistics and trends from  
23 Registry data in periodic public integrity or "Honest and  
24 Open Government" reports.

1 Section 40. Reporting timelines and compliance.

2 (a) Each reporting entity shall submit the information  
3 required under Section 15 within 45 days after final  
4 disposition, unless a shorter period is required by other law  
5 or court rule.

6 (b) The responsible agency may flag chronic non compliance  
7 and notify the Attorney General, relevant State's Attorney, or  
8 oversight body for appropriate action or further inquiry.

9 (c) The responsible agency may publish aggregate  
10 statistics on timeliness and completeness of reporting in an  
11 annual public report.

12 Section 45. Immunities and penalties.

13 (a) State and local officials, courts, and employees who,  
14 in good faith, report or transmit information required by this  
15 Act based on official records shall not be subject to civil  
16 liability for such reporting.

17 (b) The responsible agency and its employees shall not be  
18 liable for good faith publication, maintenance, correction, or  
19 removal of Registry entries consistent with this Act.

20 (c) Any person who knowingly and willfully submits  
21 materially false information to the Registry commits a Class A  
22 misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a  
23 subsequent offense, in addition to any other penalties under  
24 Illinois law.

25 (d) This Section does not bar any action against a person

1 who intentionally withholds required reporting in order to  
2 conceal a public corruption offense.

3 Section 50. Relationship to existing Illinois law.

4 (a) This Act supplements and does not limit or repeal:

5 (1) the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act;

6 (2) the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and Open  
7 Meetings Act; or

8 (3) existing criminal, ethics, procurement, and  
9 campaign finance statutes, and any powers of the Attorney  
10 General, Illinois State Police, State's Attorneys, or  
11 Inspectors General.

12 (b) In the event of conflict between this Act and a statute  
13 expressly requiring confidentiality or sealing of specified  
14 records, the confidentiality statute controls, and the  
15 Registry shall publish only nonconfidential data consistent  
16 with that statute.

17 Section 55. Rulemaking.

18 (a) The Illinois State Police, in consultation with the  
19 Attorney General, shall adopt implementing rules within 12  
20 months after the effective date of this Act.

21 (b) This Act applies to final dispositions occurring on or  
22 after its effective date. The General Assembly may authorize  
23 phased or retroactive inclusion of earlier final dispositions,  
24 subject to existing expungement and confidentiality laws.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
2    1, 2027.