

**SB0618/833929/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 618  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “exempting” and substitute “authorizing the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to exempt”; and in line 7, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Committee to issue a certain opinion;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, after “if” insert “:

(I)”;

in lines 3, 5, 6, and 7, strike “(i)”, “(ii)”, “(iii)”, and “(iv)”, respectively, and substitute “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively; in line 6, strike “or”; in line 9, after “subsection” insert “;OR

5. IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SERVED AT LEAST ONE FULL TERM IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, A POSITION FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL OBJECTIVELY SATISFIES THE MINIMUM EDUCATION, LICENSURE, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS; AND

(II) THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLIES WITH § 5-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE”;

in line 13, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “; OR” in line 17 down through “REQUIREMENTS” in line 23; after line 23, insert:

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“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics shall issue an opinion to provide guidance to the members of the Maryland General Assembly on compliance with this Act, including:

(1) necessary actions that a member should take to avoid a conflict of interest; and

(2) factors that the Committee will consider when determining whether to grant an exemption under § 5-514(a)(2) of the General Provisions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.”;

in line 24, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 25, strike “October 1, 2026” and substitute “January 13, 2027”.