

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2024

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1575 and 1576 of the Senate Journal and pages 1777 and 1778 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2024 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "commission" insert "; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for a legislative management report; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 11 through 13 with:

"Ethics commission	<u>\$623,984</u>	<u>\$514,258</u>	<u>\$1,138,242</u>
Total general fund	\$623,984	\$514,258	\$1,138,242
Full-time equivalent positions	1.00	2.00	3.00"

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Attorney fees	\$0	\$72,000
Office relocation	0	25,000
New FTE position one-time costs	<u>0</u>	<u>1,825</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$98,825

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The ethics commission shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FEE STRUCTURE.

During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of establishing a rate structure to offset the operating expenses of the ethics commission. The study must include a comparison of the funding method for ethics commissions used by other states within the region. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. REPORT - ETHICS COMMISSION ACTIVITIES. During the 2023-24 interim, the ethics commission shall provide reports to the legislative management regarding the activities and operations of the commission. The reports must include information regarding the number of complaints received by the commission, education and outreach efforts, and the status of the commission's budget.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. The sum of \$97,000 for attorney fees and office relocation costs included in the ethics commission line item in section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2024 - Ethics Commission - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Ethics commission	\$623,984	\$1,051,976	\$86,266	\$1,138,242	\$1,016,099	\$122,143
Total all funds	\$623,984	\$1,051,976	\$86,266	\$1,138,242	\$1,016,099	\$122,143
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$623,984	\$1,051,976	\$86,266	\$1,138,242	\$1,016,099	\$122,143
FTE	1.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00

Department 195 - Ethics Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ²	Reduces Temporary Salaries Funding Increase ³	Adds Education and Outreach Position ⁴	Reduces Funding for Professional Fees ⁵	Adds Contingency Funding ⁶
Ethics commission	\$9,030	(\$71,907)	(\$50,000)	\$268,143	(\$216,000)	\$50,000
Total all funds	\$9,030	(\$71,907)	(\$50,000)	\$268,143	(\$216,000)	\$50,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$9,030	(\$71,907)	(\$50,000)	\$268,143	(\$216,000)	\$50,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding ⁷	Total Conference Committee Changes
Ethics commission	\$97,000	\$86,266
Total all funds	\$97,000	\$86,266
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	\$97,000	\$86,266
FTE	0.00	1.00

¹ Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund
Salary increase	\$9,148
Health insurance adjustment	(118)
Total	\$9,030

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

² Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund
New FTE positions	(\$60,798)
Vacant FTE positions	(11,109)
Total	(\$71,907)

The House also removed this funding.

³ Funding of \$100,000 added by the Senate to increase temporary salaries funding is reduced to \$50,000. The House reduced funding for temporary salaries to \$30,000.

⁴ Funding is added for an attorney position that includes education and outreach responsibilities. The position was not added by the Senate or House.

⁵ Funding added by the Senate and House for an increase in professional fees is removed.

⁶ Contingency funding is added for professional fees. This funding was not added by the Senate or House.

⁷ One-time funding is added for the following items:

	General Fund
Attorney fees	\$72,000
Office relocation costs	<u>25,000</u>
Total	\$97,000

A section is also added to declare the one-time funding to be an emergency measure. The House also added this funding.

This amendment also:

- Adds a Legislative Management study of establishing a rate structure to offset the operating expenses of the Ethics Commission.
- Provides for the Ethics Commission to provide updates to the Legislative Management regarding the activities of the commission.