

the committee may request the Office of Special Investigations of the Government Accountability Office to conduct factfinding and an investigation into the matter. The Office of Special Investigations shall promptly investigate the matter as directed by the committee.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title V, § 501, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 72a-1g of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in section catchline and text.

§ 4722. Mandatory Senate ethics training for Members and staff

(a) Training program

The Select Committee on Ethics shall conduct ongoing ethics training and awareness programs for Members of the Senate and Senate staff.

(b) Requirements

The ethics training program conducted by the Select Committee on Ethics shall be completed by—

- (1) new Senators or staff not later than 60 days after commencing service or employment; and
- (2) Senators and Senate staff serving or employed on September 14, 2007, not later than 165 days after September 14, 2007.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, § 553, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

CODIFICATION

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§ 4723. Annual report by Select Committee on Ethics

The Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate shall issue an annual report due no later than January 31, describing the following:

- (1) The number of alleged violations of Senate rules received from any source, including the number raised by a Senator or staff of the committee.
- (2) A list of the number of alleged violations that were dismissed—
 - (A) for lack of subject matter jurisdiction or, in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist; or
 - (B) because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion.
- (3) The number of alleged violations in which the committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry.
- (4) The number of alleged violations that resulted in an adjudicatory review.
- (5) The number of alleged violations that the committee dismissed for lack of substantial merit.

(6) The number of private letters of admonition or public letters of admonition issued.

(7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction.

(8) Any other information deemed by the committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the preceding year.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, § 554, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 72a-1i of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 4724. Amendment to Senate conflict of interest rule

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b), any employee of the Senate who is required to file a report pursuant to Senate rules shall refrain from participating personally and substantially as an employee of the Senate in any contact with any agency of the executive or judicial branch of Government with respect to non-legislative matters affecting any non-governmental person in which the employee has a significant financial interest.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply if an employee first advises his supervisor of his significant financial interest and obtains from such supervisor a written waiver stating that the participation of the employee is necessary. A copy of each such waiver shall be filed with the Select Committee.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title IX, § 903, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1781.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 60-2 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 4725. Gifts and travel

(a) Gifts

(1) No Member, officer, or employee of the Senate, or the spouse or dependent thereof, shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts in any calendar year aggregating more than the minimal value as established by section 7342(a)(5) of title 5 or \$250, whichever is greater¹ from any person, organization, or corporation unless, in an unusual case, a waiver is granted by the Select Committee on Ethics.

(2) The prohibitions of this subsection do not apply to gifts—

- (A) from relatives;
- (B) with a value of \$100 or less, as adjusted under section 102(a)(2)(A) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978; or
- (C) of personal hospitality of an individual.

(3) For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the term “gift” means a payment, subscription, advance, forbearance, rendering, or deposit of money, services, or anything of value, including food, lodging, transportation, or entertainment, and reimbursement for other than necessary expenses, unless consid-

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.