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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0001
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 Requestor: Senate Judiciary
 Date: January 14, 2015
 Subject: 2015 Ethics Reform Act

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	\$169,200	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is expected to increase revenue allocated to the State Ethics Commission by \$169,200 in FY 2015-16 from the proposed one-hundred-dollar increase on the lobbyist and lobbyist principal registration fees.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

The expenditures mandated by this act are limited to the creation of a new statewide Ethics Commission and their per diem, mileage and subsistence as is provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.

The Senate. The Senate stated that the costs would be minimal and can be absorbed in current General Fund expenditures. There will be no impact on Federal or Other Funds.

The House. The House stated that the fiscal impact will be minimal and can be absorbed in current General Fund expenditures. There will be no impact on Federal or Other Funds.

State Ethics Commission. The agency stated that this bill would not impact General, Federal, and Other Funds.

State Revenue

This bill would raise the current annual fee to register as a lobbyist, or as a lobbyist principal in this State from \$100 to \$200. All proceeds go to the State Ethics Commission to support agency programs. The bill would not impact state General Fund revenue.

Based on recent records, annual registrations vary and have ranged from 1,561 in FY 2011-12 to 1,642 in FY 2013-14. We expect a moderate increase of 50 to total 1,692 registrations next year. This bill would therefore generate an additional \$169,200 in agency earmarked funds in FY 2015-16.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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