
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a fundraising event held by or for the benefit of an educational institution or a nonprofit organization which conducts educational programs, excluding professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting events.

Present law (R.S. 42:1111 and 1115 – ethics code) generally prohibits public servants from receiving things of economic value from specified prohibited sources or for certain duties related to the public position. Present law provides certain exceptions, including allowing a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a civic, non-profit, educational, or political event when the public servant is a program honoree, giving a speech at the event, or a panel member for a discussion occurring at the event and allowing a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a fundraising event for a candidate or political party. Present law specifically excludes from such exceptions admission to any professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting event.

Proposed law additionally provides an exception to allow a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a fundraising event held by or for the benefit of an educational institution or by or for the benefit of a nonprofit organization which conducts educational programs. Proposed law maintains the exclusion from such exception admission to any professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting event.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(13)(a)(iii))