

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/HB 181, (CS/CS/SB 368) [H0181.HMS]
SPONSOR: Rep. Arnall (Committee on Ethics and Elections and others)
SUBJECT: Ethics
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
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I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 - 560969 to Senate Amendment 1- 662280 (body and title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 retains a majority of the Senate's provisions relating to Ethics. The House amendment makes the following major changes to the Senate position:

1. Does not allow the initiation of complaints by the Ethics Commission.
2. Retains current law with respect to valuation of gifts (actual cost to the donor).
3. Does not include our penalty provisions relating to restitution paid to the agency instead of general revenue and the provision authorizing the Attorney General to collect costs and attorney fees.
4. Rather than requiring training for elected public officials, directs the Ethics Commission to develop a plan for training and to submit the plan to the 2001 Legislature.

The House amendment does not include any new provisions not included in the Senate's amendment. The differences are omissions and minor changes in wording.