

Local Government Committee

BILL ANALYSIS HB 1170

TITLE OF THE BILL: Making elected municipal officers subject to the same ethics standards as state officers with regard to gifts.

WHAT THIS BILL DOES: Holds local elected officials to the same ethics standards with regard to receiving gifts as state officials and employees.

SPONSORS: Representatives Campbell, Bush, and Scott

HEARING DATE: Monday, February 1, 1999

FISCAL NOTE: None Requested

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BACKGROUND:

Local government officials are prohibited from accepting gifts for a matter connected with or related to the official's services. However, there is no restriction on gifts that are unrelated to the official's services, monetary or otherwise.

Different ethics standards apply to state officials and employees regarding gifts. State officials and employees may not receive any gift in excess of \$50 from one source or a single gift from multiple sources in any calendar year. Specific exceptions to this rule are provided in statute, including: