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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits legislative aide who works, or worked, directly for legislator in district office from making political contribution greater than \$30 per election to that legislator; prohibits receipt of such contribution.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT prohibiting certain campaign contributions and
2 supplementing P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. (1) An individual who is employed, either full-time or
8 part-time, by a member of the Legislature to work in the legislative
9 district office of that legislator as an aide, personal assistant,
10 manager, advisor or secretary, or is otherwise compensated directly
11 by that legislator for activities or services regarding legislative
12 duties, shall not make a contribution of money or other thing of
13 value greater than \$30 per election to the legislator's candidate
14 committee or joint candidates committee. No legislator or
15 individual associated with the legislator's candidate committee or
16 joint candidates committee shall solicit or knowingly accept such a
17 contribution.

18 (2) An individual who was employed, either full-time or part-
19 time, by a member of the Legislature and worked in the legislative
20 district office of that legislator as an aide, personal assistant,
21 manager, advisor or secretary, or was otherwise compensated
22 directly by that legislator for activities or services regarding
23 legislative duties, shall not make a contribution of money or other
24 thing of value greater than \$30 per election to the legislator's
25 candidate committee or joint candidates committee during the two-
26 year period following his or her termination of employment or
27 service. No legislator or individual associated with the legislator's
28 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall solicit or
29 knowingly accept such a contribution.

30 b. Any individual found to be in violation of subsection a. of
31 this section is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill prohibits a legislative aide who works, or worked,
39 directly for a member of the Legislature in a district office from
40 making a political contribution or giving other things of value
41 greater than \$30 to that legislator. It also prohibits the legislator or
42 an individual associated with the legislator's candidate committee
43 or joint candidates committee from soliciting or knowingly
44 accepting such contribution.

45 Specifically, the bill provides that an individual who is
46 employed, either full-time or part-time, by a member of the
47 Legislature to work in the legislative district office of that legislator
48 as an aide, personal assistant, manager, advisor or secretary, or is

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1 otherwise compensated directly by that legislator for activities or
2 services regarding legislative duties, can not make a contribution of
3 money or other thing of value greater than \$30 to the legislator's
4 candidate committee or joint candidates committee.

5 The bill establishes the same restriction on any individual who
6 was employed by a member of the Legislature during the two-year
7 period following his or her termination of employment or services.

8 The bill provides that any individual found to be in violation of
9 these restrictions is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree, which is
10 punishable by up to 18 months imprisonment and a fine of up to
11 \$10,000.