



2019 Annual Report

New York State Standing Committee on Ethics

**Senator Alessandra Biaggi
Chairperson**



NEW YORK STATE
SENATE

ALBANY, NY 12247

ALESSANDRA BIAGGI
SENATOR

December 17, 2019

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance for the 2019 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important mailers under my committee's jurisdiction,

During the 2019 session, this committee met three times in session and reported 5 bills. The Committee also held two hearings this past year.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Biaggi', with a large, loopy flourish underneath.

New York State Senator, 34 District

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

CHAIR
SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI
34TH SENATE DISTRICT

Committee Members

Senator Jamaal Bailey
Senator Neil Breslin
Senator Toby Ann Stavisky
Senator Andrew Lanza
Senator Tom O'Mara
Senator Tony Jordan

Committee Staff

Jordine Jones — Committee Director
Leanne Evans — Committee Clerk

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning policies of the Senate, including but not limited to per diem and travel expenses, time and attendance, and workplace ethics.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, thirteen bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, five were reported from the Committee. None were passed by the Senate, and none passed in both houses.

This work was conducted through a series of three committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held two hearings and/or roundtable meetings. Topics of these hearings and/or roundtables included Sexual Harassment.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2019:

- S 97-B KAMINSKY
- S3747-A KENNEDY
- S5148-A BIAGGI
- S 2774-A COMRIE
- S 3287 KRUEGER

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2019, none of the thirteen bills referred to the Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance passed both houses of the Legislature

597A	Kaminsky	Prohibits certain persons from receiving compensation for legal fees, consulting, or other work performed for an industrial development agency or an economic assistance corporation	Reported from Committee
S3747A	Kennedy	Relates to prohibiting sexual harassment by certain individuals	Reported from Committee
S5148A	Biaggi	Relates to campaign contributions to candidates for state senate and assembly by certain members of the legislative ethics commission	Reported from Committee
S2774A	Comrie	Requires public officers and bodies to provide interpreters and assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired at public hearings under certain conditions	Reported from Committee
S3287	Kreuger	Kreuger Relates to creating the non-partisan legislative budget office	Reported from Committee



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