



Annual Report 2025

New York State Senate Standing Committee on
Ethics and Internal Governance

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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New York State Senate
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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 2025 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2025 Session, this Committee met two times in Session and reported nine bills.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shelley B. Mayer'.

Shelley B. Mayer



2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning the public officer's law and the legislative law.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, 28 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, nine were reported from the Committee, six were passed by the Senate, and none passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of two Committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the Committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the Committee in 2025:

- S374 (Gianaris) - Requires disclosure of lobbying activities for the nomination or confirmation of persons to state office.
- S2224A (Krueger) - Raises the lobbying requirement threshold for small nonprofits which lobby before the government.
- S4039A (Skoufis) - Prohibits certain persons from receiving compensation for legal fees, consulting, or other work performed for an industrial development agency or an economic assistance corporation.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S00374	Gianaris	Requires registration and the disclosure of information relating to lobbying for the nomination or confirmation of persons to state office.	Passed the Senate
S00426	Liu	Authorizes the commission on ethics and lobbying in government to provide a training course concerning anti-sexual harassment training for lobbyists; requires lobbyists to complete the course annually.	Passed the Senate
S02047A	Webb	Relates to the term "reportable business relationship" as it relates to certain employees of the state university of New York and the city university of New York.	Senate Rules
S02224A	Krueger	Relates to reporting requirements on small nonprofits which lobby before the government.	Passed the Senate
S02454	Gianaris	Prohibits state reimbursement of campaign and political committees, or legal defense funds, for payments made on behalf of the criminal or civil defense of a state employee.	Senate Rules
S03741A	Fernandez	Modifies the requirements for financial disclosures for certain state and legislative officials, officers and employees.	Passed the Senate
S04039A	Skoufis	Prohibits certain persons from receiving compensation for legal fees, consulting, or other work performed for an industrial development agency, an economic assistance corporation or state or local authority; relates to consultant disclosure requirements.	Passed the Senate
S04857C	Skoufis	Relates to the annual statement of financial disclosure and the posting of financial disclosure filings for candidates for statewide elected office or candidates for a member of the legislature.	Senate Rules
S05843	Skoufis	Requires electronic filing of all lobbying filings with the commission on ethics and lobbying in government.	Passed the Senate

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