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Holly and Butch,

So I never thought I'd see the day, but we are finally at a point where we may be in conference committee on an independent investigations bill (H. 3184) that includes a good foundation in both the House and Senate versions. I wanted to get your perspectives on each version, as you both are my 2 ethics experts, new and old. ;) I've read various versions of these bills for almost 4 years now and wanted to get a fresh set of eyes of the almost final package.

I've attached a side-by-side for ease so you have as close to a comparison of each section as possible.

The Governor, Speaker and Sen. Martin gave the ok for staff (House, Senate and me) to work out the details of the bill over the next few days and the House plans to put up an amendment on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Ideally, our staff work-product will be the basis the House amendment.

At the outset I have strong objections to the 5-year sunset and including judges in the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission, both of which I'm assured will be removed.

I very much appreciate your thoughts on how to improve upon – within reason – the bill. You can review and let me know or we can meet to discuss, up to y'all.

Thanks!

Swati