

(1) does or seeks to do any business, regardless of amount, with the official's or employee's unit;

(2) engages in an activity that is regulated or controlled by the official's or employee's governmental unit;

(3) has a financial interest that may be affected substantially and materially, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties; or

(4) is a regulated lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official or employee.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, an official or employee may accept a gift specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection unless:

(i) the gift would tend to impair the impartiality and independent judgment of the official or employee; or

(ii) as to a gift of significant value:

1. the gift would give the appearance of impairing the impartiality and independent judgment of the official or employee; or

2. the official or employee believes or has reason to believe that the gift is designed to impair the impartiality and independent judgment of the official or employee.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, subsection (b) of this section does not apply to:

(i) meals or beverages received by the official or employee in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity;

(ii) ceremonial gifts or awards of insignificant monetary value;

(iii) unsolicited gifts of nominal value;

(iv) trivial gifts of informational value;

(v) in return for participation on a panel or a speaking engagement at a meeting, reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging, or scheduled entertainment of the official or employee if the expenses are associated with the meeting, EXCEPT THAT, IF SUCH EXPENSES FOR A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE OFFICIAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE BRANCH ARE TO BE PAID BY A REGULATED LOBBYIST AND ARE ANTICIPATED TO EXCEED \$500, THE MEMBER OFFICIAL SHALL OBTAIN THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF NOTIFY THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BODY TO ATTEND BEFORE ATTENDING THE MEETING;

(vi) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, PROVIDED THAT THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE DONOR, tickets or free admission extended to an elected constitutional officer, as a courtesy or ceremony to the office, to attend:

1. a professional or intercollegiate sporting event; or