

officer or employee and his official State duties and responsibilities, or to accept a portion of any fee received by another individual or entity for assistance which such officer or employee would be prohibited from rendering by this section.

Nothing in this section shall prevent an officer or employee from assisting (a) his parent, spouse, or child or (b) any individual or entity for whom he is serving as guardian, executor, administrator, trustee, or other personal fiduciary in a transaction involving the State except in transactions in which he has participated or over which he has official responsibility and provided that the circumstances of such assistance shall have been disclosed to the officer's or employee's agency head and approved by him in advance of such assistance or (c) any member of the public when it is part of his official duties to do so.

6. To participate in a transaction involving the State in which an officer or employee has a direct interest or to participate in a transaction involving the State to which, to his knowledge, any of the following is a party:

(a) any entity in which he has a direct financial interest of which he may reasonably be expected to know;

(b) any entity of which he is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee;

(c) any entity with which he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment;

(d) any entity which is a party to an existing contract with such officer or employee where such contract when viewed in light of his participation in the transaction results in a conflict or could reasonably be expected to result in a conflict between the private interests of the officer or employee and his official State duties;

(e) any entity, either engaged in a transaction involving the State or subject to regulation by the agency of which he is an officer or employee, in which a direct financial interest is owned by another entity in which the officer or employee has a direct financial interest;

(f) any entity which is a creditor or obligee of such State officer or employee with respect to a thing of economic value and which, by reason thereof, is in a position to affect directly and substantially such officer's or employee's economic interest.

The Board of Ethics may by written order suspend the operation of this section, however, in whole or in part, as