

2. Whose duties are not essentially administrative and ministerial; and

(iii) Is not a full-time or part-time faculty member at a State institution of higher education, unless the individual is also employed in another State position which does fall under this definition or unless the individual also directly procures, directly influences, or otherwise directly affects the formation or execution of any State contract, purchase or sale as established by guidelines of the State Ethics Commission; provided such guidelines are promulgated as regulations and approved by the AELR Committee.

(2) Any individual in the legislative branch, other than a State official, who receives a rate of compensation equal to or above grade level 18 who is so designated by order by the presiding officers of the General Assembly.

(3) Any individual in the judicial branch of government, including an individual employed in the office of a clerk of court, or paid by a political subdivision to perform services in any orphans' court, a circuit court for a county, and any individual employed by the Attorney Grievance Commission, the State Board of Law Examiners, or the Standing Committee on Rules who:

(i) Is classified or compensated at State grade level 18 or above; and

(ii) Is not a judge, master, commissioner, examiner, auditor, or referee.

(4) Except for any full-time or part-time faculty member at a State institution of higher education, any individual in an executive agency who, as determined by the Ethics Commission pursuant to Section 2-103(h), is charged, individually or as a member of the executive agency, with decision making authority or acts as a principal advisor to one with such authority in drafting specifications for, negotiating, or executing contracts which commit the State or any executive agency to expend in excess of \$10,000 per annum.

(bb) "Registrant" means any person required to register pursuant to § 5-103(a).

(cc) "Respondent" means an official, employee, CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE AS A STATE OFFICIAL, or person subject to Title 5 who is the subject of a complaint before the Commission.

(dd) "School board" means the local board of education of any county or, in Baltimore City, the Board of School Commissioners.