

Subject Clarifying that certain actions by public officers and employees constitute misconduct

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Overview

This bill establishes criminal penalties for providing false information to the legislative auditor and increases the penalty for repeated violations of the statute prohibiting misconduct by a public officer or employee. It also establishes that the offense is not eligible for an automatic expungement and extends the statute of limitations for prosecuting an offense from three years to ten years.

Summary

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| 1 | Penalties.
Establishes that a public officer or employee who provides documents or other information to the legislative auditor knowing that the information is false in any material respect is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Provides an enhanced felony penalty with a maximum period of imprisonment of three years for a repeat violation. |
| 2 | Misconduct of public officer or employee.
Establishes a felony penalty with a maximum period of imprisonment of three years for a person who commits misconduct of public officer or employee after a previous conviction for that offense. |
| 3 | Eligibility; certain criminal proceedings.
Specifies that convictions for providing false information to the legislative auditor or committing misconduct of public officer or employee are not eligible for an automatic expungement. |
| 4 | Limitations.
Establishes that the statute of limitations for providing false information to the legislative auditor or committing misconduct of public officer or employee is ten years. Under current law, the limitations period is three years. The longer period |

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	applies to new crimes and in cases where the three-year limitations period has not expired by August 1, 2026.
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