§ 18747. Influencing Prospective Employment.

(a) No public official shall “make,” “participate in making,” or “use official position to influence” any governmental decision, as defined in Regulation 18704, if the decision directly relates to a prospective employer.

(b) A governmental decision “directly relates” to a prospective employer if the public official knows or has reason to know:

(1) The prospective employer is “explicitly involved” in the decision, as defined in Regulation 18701(a); or

(2) It is reasonably foreseeable that the financial effect of a decision on a prospective employer is material as follows:

(A) For a business entity, the same as set forth in Regulation 18702.1;

(B) For a nonprofit entity, the same as set forth in Regulation 18702.3(a)(1) and (3); or

(C) For an individual, the same as set forth in Regulation 18702.3(a)(1) and (2).

(c) A person is a “prospective employer” of a public official if the official, either personally or through an agent, is “negotiating” or has an “arrangement” concerning prospective employment with that person.

(1) A public official is “negotiating” employment when the official interviews or discusses an offer of employment with an employer or the employer's agent.

(2) A public official has an “arrangement” concerning prospective employment when the official accepts an employer's offer of employment.
(3) A public official is not “negotiating” or does not have an “arrangement” concerning prospective employment if the official rejects or is rejected for employment.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the prohibitions of Section 87407 do not apply if:

(1) The governmental decision will affect the “public generally” as set forth in Regulation 18703;

(2) The public official is legally required to make or participate in the making of the governmental decision within the meaning of Section 87101 and Regulation 18705; or

(3) The prospective employer is a state, local, or federal governmental agency.


HISTORY

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