

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**ETHICS COMMISSION**

**Title of Rule:** Procedures - Complaints and Investigations (520-RICR-00-00-3)

**Rule Identifier:** 520-RICR-00-00-3

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: December 23, 2025

End of Public Comment: January 22, 2026

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Const. art. III

sec. 8

R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-9(a)(3)

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

This is an amendment to subsection 520-RICR-00-00-3.22(A) Hearing to Determine Violation of the Code of Ethics (1015) of regulation 520-RICR-00-00-3 entitled Procedures – Complaints and Investigations. The amendment is intended to address an inaccurate citation of the Rhode Island General Laws referenced within the subsection. The Ethics Commission is not substantively amending the text of the above-referenced regulation, but rather, updating it to reflect the appropriate state statute.

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**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before January 22, 2026, the Ethics Commission will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

This amendment is not intended to substantively change the regulation, but rather, to correct the inaccurate citation of the state statute referenced in the regulation. There is no expected cost to implement this amendment, nor is there any alternative approach that would be feasible.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.