

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-475

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gay

Date of Introduction: June 24, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: June 25, 2025

Type of Action: Request for Florida Ethics Commission advisory opinion; direction to Office of General Counsel

Bill Summary: This bill requests a written advisory opinion from the Florida Commission on Ethics, directs the Office of General Counsel to prepare a legal memorandum, and forward said memorandum and this Resolution if enacted, to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Background Information: In April of this year, the City of Jacksonville received subpoenas from the State Attorney's Office related to a "gun registry" of individuals carrying concealed weapons in government buildings. General Counsel Michael Fackler then retained the services of outside counsel, the Bedell Law Firm.

The purpose of this legislation is to request an advisory opinion regarding the applicability of Chapter 112, Part III, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statutory restrictions concerning standards of conduct for local government attorneys and public officers and employees, or any other statutory restrictions, regarding General Counsel Michael Fackler hiring the law firm owned by his father-in-law for legal services directly rendered by his father-in-law for the Consolidated Government of the City of Jacksonville, including the Duval County School Board and the other Independent Agencies.

Policy Impact Area: Florida Ethics Commission advisory opinion

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey