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Why only establishing a legal expense funds for the executive branch employees.? Why not for federal employees.

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On April 21, 2022, the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) published a proposed rule governing legal expense funds for executive branch employees in the Federal Register.

OGE is proposing to add a new subpart J to the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch. The new subpart contains the standards for an employee's acceptance of payments for legal expenses through a legal expense fund and an employee's acceptance of *pro bono* legal services for a matter arising in connection with the

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employee's official position, the employee's prior position on a campaign of a candidate for President or Vice President, or the employee's prior position on a Presidential Transition Team.

OGE is also proposing to make related amendments to the portions of the Standards of Conduct that govern the solicitation and acceptance of gifts from outside sources and the portions of the Executive Branch Financial Disclosure regulation that govern confidential financial disclosure reports.

Written comments from the public are invited and must be received on or before June 21, 2022. The proposed rule is available here: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-04-21/pdf/2022-08130.pdf

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