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MEMORANDUM

TO: Designated Agency Ethics Officials

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SUBJECT: Revised Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws

The 117th Congress passed legislation affecting ethics statutes contained in the U.S. Office of Government Ethics' (OGE) "Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws" (Compilation). This Legal Advisory describes the changes in OGE's updated Compilation. The Compilation is available on OGE's website at www.oge.gov/compilation.

For a high-level summary of notable ethics legislation in the 117th Congress, please see OGE Legal Advisory [LA-23-04](#) (Feb. 16, 2023).

Changes to Ethics Statutes Reflected in the Compilation

Public Law 117-286 recodified the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (EIGA), moving EIGA from the appendix of title 5 to a new chapter.¹ The recodification modernized gendered language, added new descriptive headings, reorganized sections, and made other technical changes. Earlier this year, OGE published an advisory ([PA-23-01](#)) with additional information on the recodification, including a comparison table with the previous and new code citations to assist agencies.²

Public Law 117-125, the Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act, amended the Ethics in Government Act to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for federal judicial officers and online publication of their reports.³ This legislation was enacted before the recodification. Although the recodification did not show these amendments in the legislative text, the recodification did include a transactional and savings provision in section 5(b).⁴ For additional background on this issue, the Compilation includes related footnotes in 5 U.S.C. §§ 13105, 13107, and 13109.

The Compilation also includes updated footnotes related to civil monetary penalties, which are adjusted annually by inflation-adjustment rulemaking of OGE.

The updated Compilation is available on OGE's website here: www.oge.gov/compilation. If you have questions about this Legal Advisory, the Compilation, or other legislative matters, please contact Diana Veilleux at (202) 482-9203 or djveille@oge.gov.

¹ Act of Dec. 27, 2022, [Pub. L. No. 117-286](#), 136 Stat. 4196.

² OGE Program Advisory [PA-23-01](#) (Jan. 5, 2023).

³ Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act, [S. 3059](#), Pub. L. No. 117-125, 136 Stat. 1205 (2022).

⁴ [136 Stat. 4196](#).