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Pursuant to §5-812(a)(1) of the Maryland Public Ethics Law (Md. Code Ann., Gen Prov. Title 5 (2014))("Public Ethics Law"), the State Ethics Commission advises the public and Carroll County that the jurisdiction has not complied with and has not made good faith efforts toward compliance with the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Public Ethics Law.

Carroll County previously provided a draft ethics law to the State Ethics Commission for review and approval. The State Ethics Commission approved the submitted draft ethics law for Carroll County on February 27, 2014. The State Ethics Commission reviewed and approved the draft local ethics ordinance as meeting the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Public Ethics Law and COMAR 19A.04. However, Carroll County has not yet enacted the approved draft ordinance. The current ethics law enacted by Carroll County does not meet the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Public Ethics Law.

The State Ethics Commission has requested in writing, information detailing the actions that Carroll County has taken toward enacting the required local ethics law on March 6, 2014, May 18, 2015, and June 24, 2015.

On June 16, 2015, Carroll County advised the State Ethics Commission that Board of County Commissioners decided to postpone a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the local ethics law. The Commission has not received any further update from Carroll County regarding this matter. Due to the long delay in enacting the draft ethics law for Carroll County which was approved by the State Ethics Commission on February 27, 2014, Carroll County has failed to make a good faith effort toward compliance with the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law and COMAR 19A.04.