

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
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	<b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>
Name of public employee:	William N. Brownsberger
Title or Position:	State Senator
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
	<b>APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE</b>
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Continued advocacy for legislation facilitating the creation of Commonwealth virtual schools.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I vote and advocate on public policy issues. I have long been an advocate of technology change in education. In particular, I have for some years been an advocate of expanded use of virtual learning.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	In September 2012, my wife took a job at Pearson, Inc. Higher Education. She is working on a team that is developing online materials that coordinate with college text books.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	I have learned recently from a third party that Pearson Inc. has a unit which is focused on K-12 virtual learning and might have an interest in virtual schools legislation which I helped draft two years ago and which I have continued help shape and which was recently approved the Senate.
<b>Optional:</b> Additional facts – e.g., why	I see no material risk of favoritism or undue influence but make this disclosure in an abundance of caution.

there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	<b>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</b> _x_ Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	<i>William V. Brundage</i>
Date:	<i>December 12, 2012</i>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.