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SB 31 – Sectional Analysis

PROHIBITING BINDING CAUCUSES

"An Act relating to binding votes by or for a legislator under the Legislative Ethics Act."

Section 1; Adds the definition of a "caucus" and "legislative body" to the guidelines of the open meetings Act under the legislatures ethics code.

Section 2; Creates the ethics violation of binding another legislator to commit their vote on any matter that may come before the legislature. Clarifies that voting for selecting an officer or leader of a legislative body is an allowable practice. It also clarifies that running an informal poll, aka as a "chit sheet," is an allowable practice.