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FRANKFORT, KY – At its September 19, 2024 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found Tara Reynolds, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Ms. Reynolds admitted to four counts of violating the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a)(c) and (d). Specifically, while employed as a Fiscal Manager, Kentucky School for the Deaf, (“KSD”), Department of Education, Education, Ms. Reynolds used her state email to prepare and modify a bid for a state service on behalf of her husband’s private company. In addition, she used her knowledge of the state procurement process to facilitate acceptance of the bid. Ms. Reynolds also used her state computer and email to create a fake estimate for a non-existent company to manipulate the state bidding process.

Pursuant to the Agreed Final Order, Ms. Reynolds must pay a \$10,000.00 civil penalty receive a public reprimand and waives any right to appeal.