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### **Full Senate to consider ethics bill**

A bill nearing final legislative passage would force Gray Sexton, the ethics board's chief lawyer, to choose between his job with the Louisiana Board of Ethics and his private legal work.

House Bill 532 approved by a Senate panel Wednesday would require the ethics board's chief administrator to be a full-time employee without any outside jobs.

Rep. William Daniel, R-Baton Rouge, said his bill wasn't targeting anyone and was designed to erase anything that could be construed as a conflict of interest.

Lawmakers on the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee acknowledged the House-approved bill would force Sexton to make a choice. Sen. Noble Ellington, D-Winnsboro, said that was unfair.

"It seems to me that there is an effort to aim this at Mr. Sexton. I just don't personally think that's the right thing to do," Ellington said.

"We're not aiming at anybody," said Sen. Charles "C.D." Jones, D-Monroe, chairman of the Senate committee.

The ethics board opposes the bill. But the Senate committee approved it 4-1, sending it to the full Senate for debate. Ellington voted against the bill.