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PAR says ethics reform needs work

A new study by a good-government group finds that some of the ethics reform changes put in place during Gov. Bobby Jindal's first year in office have weakened the state's ability to monitor and enforce compliance with ethics laws. The report by the Public Affairs Research Council says changes to ethics oversight have undermined the more expansive campaign: in particular, personal financial disclosure requirements and the new limitation on gifts to public officials. "Our evaluation shows that, although some progress was made toward the so-called gold standard of governmental ethics, Louisiana isn't there yet. In fact, in some regards we even took a step backward," says Jim Brandt, president of PAR. "The good news is that there are workable solutions that can be enacted this legislative session." To read the PAR report, click [here](#).