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Law on Nepotism Passed by Federation Council

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The Federation Council approved a law prohibiting state employees from appointing relatives to vacant posts, Interfax reported Wednesday.

The law prohibits state officials from appointing their relatives to certain positions and applies to parents, spouses, children, brothers, and sisters.

Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko jokingly said that "soon the civil service will only be able to hire orphans that have no children, wives, or relatives."

The Federation Council said that they believe the bill will eliminate "corruption factors."

Several laws will be amended according to the new rules, including the laws concerning the civil service, the prosecutors, the police, and the Investigative Committee. (MT)

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