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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Latvala) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 127 - 152

and insert:

Section 2. Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional officers and elected municipal officers.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "constitutional officers" includes the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the



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11 Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner  
12 of Agriculture, state attorneys, public defenders, sheriffs, tax  
13 collectors, property appraisers, supervisors of elections,  
14 clerks of the circuit court, county commissioners, district  
15 school board members, and superintendents of schools.

16 (2) (a) All constitutional officers must complete 4 hours of  
17 ethics training each calendar year which annually that  
18 addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State  
19 Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and  
20 Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of  
21 this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a  
22 continuing legal education class or other continuing  
23 professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the  
24 required subjects are covered.

25 (b) Beginning January 1, 2015, all elected municipal  
26 officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar  
27 year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State  
28 Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and  
29 Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of  
30 this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a  
31 continuing legal education class or other continuing  
32 professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the  
33 required subjects are covered.

34 (c) ~~(b)~~ The commission shall adopt rules establishing  
35 minimum course content for the portion of an ethics training  
36 class which that addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State  
37 Constitution and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and  
38 Employees.

39 (d) The Legislature intends that a constitutional officer



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40 or elected municipal officer who is required to complete ethics  
41 training pursuant to this section receive the required training  
42 as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes office.  
43 A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer assuming a  
44 new office or new term of office on or before March 31 must  
45 complete the annual training on or before December 31 of the  
46 year in which the term of office began. A constitutional officer  
47 or elected municipal officer assuming a new office after March  
48 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar  
49 year in which he or she assumes the new office.

50 (3) Each house of the Legislature shall provide for ethics  
51 training pursuant to its rules.

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53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete line 9

56 and insert:

57 training; providing legislative intent; amending s.

58 112.3144, F.S.; requiring an