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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to municipal officials; to require certain
5 officials to participate in training; and to provide for the
6 creation of a training course.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) Beginning January 1, 2025, each
9 individual elected to serve as mayor or as a member of the
10 governing body of any municipality shall enroll in,
11 participate in, and satisfactorily complete, during each year
12 of their first elected term that commences after January 1,
13 2025, a training course that meets the requirements of
14 subsection (b).

15 (b) A training course shall consist of at least 10
16 hours and shall include instruction in each of the following
17 subjects:

18 (1) The general powers of municipalities.

19 (2) The duties of mayors and governing bodies of
20 municipalities.

21 (3) Ethics.

22 (4) Annexations.

23 (5) The authority to expend municipal funds.

24 (6) Parliamentary procedure.

25 (7) Conflicts of interest.

26 (8) Legislative advocacy.

27 (9) Liability.

28 (10) Public records.



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- 29 (11) Police and planning jurisdiction.
30 (12) Public works bidding.
31 (13) Revenue sources.
32 (14) Competitive bid laws.
33 (15) Budgeting.
34 (16) Audit requirements.
35 (17) The public purpose doctrine.
36 (18) The Open Meetings Act.
37 (19) Municipal boards.
38 (20) Zoning.
39 (21) Any other subject recommended by the Alabama
40 League of Municipalities.

41 (c) Any individual who has successfully completed the
42 Certified Municipal Official Program administered by the
43 Alabama League of Municipalities shall be exempt from the
44 requirements of subsection (a).

45 Section 2. Beginning January 1, 2025, each individual
46 elected or appointed to serve as mayor or as a member of the
47 governing body of any municipality who has already completed
48 the training required by Section 1 shall enroll in,
49 participate in, and satisfactorily complete, annually, at
50 least five hours of continuing education courses pertaining to
51 any of the subjects listed in Section 1.

52 Section 3. Any training provided pursuant to this act
53 shall be developed in consultation with the Alabama Ethics
54 Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and the Department
55 of Examiners of Public Accounts.

56 Section 4. (a) All expenses incurred by an individual



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57 related to any training required by this act, including, but
58 not limited to, the cost of the training and the reasonable
59 costs of lodging, travel, and meals, shall be paid from the
60 general fund of the municipality.

61 (b) This act shall apply to all municipalities
62 incorporated under Title 11 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

63 Section 5. This act shall become effective on January
64 1, 2025.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 16-Apr-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 25-Apr-24

By: Senator Waggoner