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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require certain mayors and members of municipal governing bodies to participate in and complete a training course.

This bill would provide for the creation of a training course.

This bill would also provide for expenses incurred while participating in the training course.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

(1) The general powers of municipalities.

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

(3) Ethics.

(4) Annexations.

(5) The authority to expend municipal funds.

(6) Parliamentary procedure.

(7) Conflicts of interest.

(8) Legislative advocacy.

(9) Liability.

(10) Public records.

(11) Police and planning jurisdiction.

(12) Public works bidding.

(13) Revenue sources.

(14) Competitive bid laws.

(15) Budgeting.

(16) Audit requirements.

(17) The public purpose doctrine.

(18) The Open Meetings Act.

(19) Municipal boards.

(20) Zoning.

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

Section 2. Beginning January 1, 2025, each individual elected or appointed to serve as mayor or as a member of the governing body of any municipality shall enroll in, participate in, and satisfactorily complete, annually, at least five hours of continuing education courses pertaining to any of the subjects listed in subsection (b).

Section 3. (a) All expenses incurred by an individual related to any training required by this act, including, but not limited to, the cost of the training and the reasonable costs of lodging, travel, and meals, shall be paid from the general fund of the municipality.

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

Section 4. This act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.