



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB4965

Introduced 2/3/2012, by Rep. Sandy Cole

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

60 ILCS 1/55-70 new

Amends the Township Code. Provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, in any township that is the subject of a legal settlement or judgment from a court of law for wrongful discharge of an employee, each officer, member, or employee of that township must complete an ethics training course. Sets forth requirements concerning the standards, frequency, and subject matter of the course. Provides that completion of the program must be certified in writing. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Township Code is amended by adding Section
5 55-70 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/55-70 new)

7 Sec. 55-70. Ethics training. After the effective date of
8 this amendatory act of the 97th General Assembly, in any
9 township that is the subject of a legal settlement or judgment
10 from a court of law for wrongful discharge of an employee, each
11 officer, member, or employee of that township must complete an
12 ethics training course. The training shall be sponsored or
13 conducted by an association that represents townships.

14 The association shall set the standards and determine the
15 hours and frequency of training necessary for each position or
16 category of positions. A person who fills a vacancy in an
17 elective or appointed position that requires training, and a
18 person employed in a position that requires training, must
19 complete his or her initial ethics training within 30 days
20 after commencement of his or her office or employment.

21 Upon completion of the ethics training program, each
22 officer, member, or employee must certify in writing to the
23 public body, that the person has completed the training

1 program. Each officer, member, or employee must provide a
2 signed copy of the certification by the deadline for completion
3 of the ethics training program.

4 The course of training shall include, but not be limited
5 to, instruction in the following: restrictions on activities,
6 personnel policies and time records, wrongful discharge,
7 prohibited political activities, campaign contributions,
8 restrictions on contracts, ex parte communications with
9 certain agencies, retaliation against whistleblowers,
10 revolving door prohibitions, public service announcements,
11 promotional materials, newsletters and brochures, rights and
12 duties, whistleblower protection, ethics training, violation
13 of ethics laws, complaints, hearings, and decisions,
14 penalties, and advice.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.