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TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57550]

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DIVISION 2. CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 55821]

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PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 54999.7]

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CHAPTER 2. Officers and Employees [53200 - 53299]

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ARTICLE 2.4. Ethics Training [53234 - 53235.2]

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53235.

(a) If a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to a member of a legislative body, or provides reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by a member of a legislative body in the performance of official duties, then all local agency officials shall receive training in ethics pursuant to this article.

(b) Each local agency official shall receive at least two hours of training in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to his or her public service every two years.

(c) If any entity develops curricula to satisfy the requirements of this section, then the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General shall be consulted regarding the sufficiency and accuracy of any proposed course content. When reviewing any proposed course content the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General shall not preclude an entity from also including local ethics policies in the curricula.

(d) A local agency or an association of local agencies may offer one or more training courses, or sets of self-study materials with tests, to meet the requirements of this section. These courses may be taken at home, in-person, or online.

(e) All providers of training courses to meet the requirements of this article shall provide participants with proof of participation to meet the requirements of Section 53235.2.

(f) A local agency shall provide information on training available to meet the requirements of this article to its local officials at least once annually.

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