**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑350, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ETHICS BROCHURES TO BE PROVIDED TO CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO DEVELOP, DISSEMINATE, AND PUBLISH ON THE COMMISSION’S INTERNET WEBSITE A COMPREHENSIVE ETHICS TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC MEMBERS, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑350 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 248 of 1991, if amended to read:

“Section 8‑13‑350. (A) When hired, filing for office, or appointed and upon assuming the duties of employment, office, or position in state government, a public official, public member, and public employee shall receive a brochure prepared by the State Ethics Commission describing the general application of this chapter.

(B) Within ninety days after the effective date of this act, the State Ethics Commission shall develop, disseminate, and publish on the commission’s Internet website, a comprehensive ethics training curriculum for public employees, public members, and public officials who are either employed by or serve with a local governmental entity defined in Section 8‑13‑100(17). The ethics training curriculum required by this subsection shall cover the requirements and provisions of Chapter 13, Title 8, and those provisions of Chapter 17, Title 2 that are relevant to local government public employees, public members, and public officials.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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