

April 9, 2009

**H 1452. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF ETHICS.** Filed 04/09/09. *TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD AND TO REQUIRE THE MEMBERS OF THOSE GOVERNING BOARDS TO RECEIVE EDUCATION ON ETHICS LAWS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.*

Amends Article 3 of GS Chapter 160A by adding a new Part 3A requiring the governing boards of cities, counties, local boards of education, unified governments, and consolidated city-counties to adopt a resolution or policy containing a code of ethics to guide actions by the board members in the performance of their official duties and setting forth certain required topics. Adds new GS 160A-84 requiring all members of local government governing boards to receive a minimum of two hours of ethics education on conflicts of interest and ethical standards of conduct within 12 months of election or appointment. The clerk to the governing board is to maintain a record verifying receipt of the required ethics education by each member of the governing board. Amends GS 115C-47 by adding a new subdivision (53) requiring local boards of education to adopt a resolution or policy containing a code of ethics. Amends GS 115C-50 by clarifying that the requirement of 12 hours of training applies to all members of local boards of education, whether elected or appointed, and that the two hours of ethics training required by GS 160A-84 may be included in the training. Amends Article 4 of GS Chapter 153A by adding new GS 153A-53 requiring each board of county commissioners to adopt a resolution or policy containing a code of ethics and that each commissioner must receive two hours of ethics education. Amends Article 1A of GS Chapter 160B by adding new GS 160B-2.3 requiring each governing board of a consolidated city-county to adopt a resolution or policy containing a code of ethics and that all members of the governing board must receive two hours of ethics training. Provides that the resolution or policy containing a code of ethics that is required by the act shall be adopted on or before January 1, 2011.

**Intro. by Allen, Howard.**

GS 160A

April 23, 2009

**H 1452. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF ETHICS.** Filed 4/9/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Adds sanitary districts to the list of local entities whose governing boards are required to adopt a code of ethics for the governing board and whose governing board members are required to receive ethics education. Amends the title to more comprehensively reflect the bill content. Makes conforming changes to Part 2 (sanitary districts) of GS Chapter 130A, Article 2.

June 30, 2009

**H 1452. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF ETHICS.** Filed 4/9/09. Senate committee amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends new GS 160A-84(a) to require specified local government officials to receive at least two hours of ethics education within 12 months after their initial election or appointment to office and again within 12 months after each subsequent election or appointment to office. Provides that, except as otherwise provided, the act is effective January 1, 2010, and that all covered local government officials must receive their initial ethics training within 12 months of that date.

July 9, 2009

**H 1452. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF ETHICS.** Filed 4/9/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition, as amended. Makes technical changes only.

August 5, 2009

**SL 2009-403 (H 1452). LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF ETHICS. AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL CITIES, COUNTIES, LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION, UNIFIED GOVERNMENTS, SANITARY DISTRICTS, AND CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTIES TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD AND TO REQUIRE THE MEMBERS OF THOSE GOVERNING BOARDS TO RECEIVE EDUCATION ON ETHICS LAWS APPLICABLE TO**

*LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS*. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/9/09, 4/23/09, 6/30/09, and 7/9/09. Enacted August 5, 2009. Effective January 1, 2010.