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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer M. Callahan**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to legislative ethics training.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to legislative ethics training.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 **SECTION 1.**  Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 43 the following section:-

Section 43A. All members of the ethics committee of the general court shall receive in depth education and training on ethics’ law, interviewing skills and investigatory procedures. All actions of said committees shall be made public, including but not limited to advisory opinions. The ethics committees shall conduct an education and training seminar for members of the general court at the commencement of each session. Issues beyond the scope of professional expertise or legislative rules shall be referred to the appropriate resources.