

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer M. Callahan

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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:

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

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

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