

**SB291 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Senator Waggoner  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to municipal officials; to require certain officials to participate in training; and to provide for the creation of a training course.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Beginning January 1, 2025, each individual elected to serve as mayor or as a member of the governing body of any municipality shall enroll in, participate in, and satisfactorily complete, during each year of their first elected term that commences after January 1, 2025, a training course that meets the requirements of subsection (b).

(b) A training course shall consist of at least 10 hours and shall include instruction in each of the following subjects:

- (1) The general powers of municipalities.
- (2) The duties of mayors and governing bodies of municipalities.
- (3) Ethics.
- (4) Annexations.
- (5) The authority to expend municipal funds.



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- 29 (6) Parliamentary procedure.
- 30 (7) Conflicts of interest.
- 31 (8) Legislative advocacy.
- 32 (9) Liability.
- 33 (10) Public records.
- 34 (11) Police and planning jurisdiction.
- 35 (12) Public works bidding.
- 36 (13) Revenue sources.
- 37 (14) Competitive bid laws.
- 38 (15) Budgeting.
- 39 (16) Audit requirements.
- 40 (17) The public purpose doctrine.
- 41 (18) The Open Meetings Act.
- 42 (19) Municipal boards.
- 43 (20) Zoning.
- 44 (21) Any other subject recommended by the Alabama
- 45 League of Municipalities.

46 (c) Any individual who has successfully completed the

47 Certified Municipal Official Program administered by the

48 Alabama League of Municipalities shall be exempt from the

49 requirements of subsection (a).

50 Section 2. Beginning January 1, 2025, each individual

51 elected or appointed to serve as mayor or as a member of the

52 governing body of any municipality who has already completed

53 the training required by Section 1 shall enroll in,

54 participate in, and satisfactorily complete, annually, at

55 least five hours of continuing education courses pertaining to

56 any of the subjects listed in Section 1.



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57           Section 3. Any training provided pursuant to this act  
58 shall be developed in consultation with the Alabama Ethics  
59 Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and the Department  
60 of Examiners of Public Accounts.

61           Section 4. (a) All expenses incurred by an individual  
62 related to any training required by this act, including, but  
63 not limited to, the cost of the training and the reasonable  
64 costs of lodging, travel, and meals, shall be paid from the  
65 general fund of the municipality.

66           (b) This act shall apply to all municipalities  
67 incorporated under Title 11 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

68           Section 5. This act shall become effective on January  
69 1, 2025.



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