A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics training for public officers; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring elected municipal officers to participate in annual ethics training; providing legislative intent; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring an officer required to participate in annual ethics training to certify participation on his or her full and public disclosure of financial interests; providing that failure to certify completion of annual ethics training on a disclosure does not constitute an immaterial, inconsequential, or de minimis error or omission; amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; requiring an officer required to participate in annual ethics training to certify participation on his or her statement of financial interests; providing that failure to certify completion of annual ethics training on a disclosure does not constitute an immaterial, inconsequential, or de minimis error or omission; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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- 112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional officers and elected municipal officers.—
- (1) As used in this section, the term "constitutional officers" includes the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of Agriculture, state attorneys, public defenders, sheriffs, tax collectors, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, clerks of the circuit court, county commissioners, district school board members, and superintendents of schools.
- (2) (a) All constitutional officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which annually that addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the required subjects are covered.
- (b) Beginning January 1, 2015, all elected municipal officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the

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required subjects are covered.

- (c) (b) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum course content for the portion of an ethics training class which that addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.
- or elected municipal officer who is required to complete ethics training pursuant to this section receive the required training as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes office.

  A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer assuming a new office or new term of office on or before March 31 must complete the annual training on or before December 31 of the year in which the term of office began. A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer assuming a new office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which he or she assumes the new office.
- (3) Each house of the Legislature shall provide for ethics training pursuant to its rules.
- Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection (7) are amended to read:
- 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial interests.—
- (1) An officer who is required by s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution to file a full and public disclosure of his or her financial interests for any calendar or fiscal year shall

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Additionally, beginning January 1, 2015, an officer who is required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to s.

112.3142 must certify on his or her full and public disclosure of financial interests that he or she has completed the required training.

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(c) For purposes of this section, an error or omission is immaterial, inconsequential, or de minimis if the original filing provided sufficient information for the public to identify potential conflicts of interest. However, failure to certify completion of annual ethics training required under s. 112.3142 does not constitute an immaterial, inconsequential, or de minimis error or omission.

Section 3. Present subsections (4) through (11) of section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) through (12), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that section, and paragraph (c) of present subsection (9) of that section is amended, to read:

112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients represented before agencies.—

(4) Beginning January 1, 2015, an officer who is required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to s. 112.3142 must certify on his or her statement of financial interests that he or she has completed the required training.

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(c) For purposes of this section, an error or omission is immaterial, inconsequential, or de minimis if the original filing provided sufficient information for the public to identify potential conflicts of interest. However, failure to certify completion of annual ethics training required under s. 112.3142 does not constitute an immaterial, inconsequential, or de minimis error or omission.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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