

**House File 2271 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to education requirements for members of the  
2 general assembly in legislative ethics.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68B.31, subsection 4, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Prepare a code of ethics within thirty days after the  
4 commencement of each general assembly, which shall require that  
5 members of the general assembly receive at least one hour of  
6 instruction in legislative ethics annually from the ethics  
7 committee.

8 Sec. 2. Section 68B.31, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code  
9 2022, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

10 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) Provide at least one hour of  
11 instruction in legislative ethics annually for the members of  
12 its house.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill relates to education requirements for members of  
17 the general assembly in legislative ethics.

18 The house and senate ethics committees are required to  
19 prepare a code of ethics within 30 days of the commencement of  
20 each general assembly. Under the bill, the code of ethics must  
21 require the members of the general assembly to receive at least  
22 one hour of instruction in legislative ethics annually from the  
23 house or senate ethics committee.

24 The ethics committees may investigate violations of the  
25 code of ethics. A member of the general assembly who violates  
26 the code of ethics may be censured or be subject to any other  
27 appropriate sanction, including suspension or expulsion.