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By: **Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee**
(Departmental - Ethics, State Commission on)

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 1999
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics - Public Officials - Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Ethics Commission to provide a training
4 course on the requirements of the Public Ethics Law to certain individuals;
5 requiring completion of training by certain individuals within a certain period of
6 time; and generally relating to requirements under the Public Ethics Law.

7 BY renumbering
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 15-205(d)
10 to be Section 15-205(e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - State Government
15 Section 15-205(d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-205(d) of Article - State Government of the
20 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15-205(e).

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
22 read as follows:

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Article - State Government

2 15-205.

3 (D) (1) THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A TRAINING COURSE OF
4 NOT LESS THAN 2 HOURS ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC ETHICS LAW FOR
5 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

6 (I) FILLS A VACANCY AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 IN A POSITION
7 THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION PURSUANT TO § 15-103
8 OF THIS TITLE; OR

9 (II) SERVES IN A POSITION IDENTIFIED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1999
10 AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION PURSUANT TO § 15-103 OF THIS TITLE.

11 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
12 SHALL COMPLETE A TRAINING COURSE PROVIDED BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION
13 WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF FILLING A VACANCY OR A POSITION BEING IDENTIFIED AS A
14 PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION.

15 (3) THE TRAINING REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT
16 APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

17 (I) IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL ONLY AS A MEMBER OF A COMMISSION,
18 TASK FORCE, OR SIMILAR ENTITY; OR

19 (II) HAS COMPLETED A TRAINING COURSE PROVIDED BY THE
20 ETHICS COMMISSION WHILE SERVING IN ANOTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 1999.