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AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATORS; CHANGING THE ETHICS CONTINUING
EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR LEGISLATORS FROM A MINIMUM OF ONE
HOUR ANNUALLY TO TWO HOURS BIENNIALLY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-16-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
Chapter 306, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-16-11. CODES OF CONDUCT. --

A. By January 1, 1994, each elected statewide
executive branch public officer shall adopt a general code of
conduct for employees subject to his control. The New Mexico
legislative council shall adopt a general code of conduct for
all legislative branch employees. The general codes of
conduct shall be based on the principles set forth in the
Governmental Conduct Act.

B. Within thirty days after the general codes of
conduct are adopted, they shall be given to and reviewed with
all executive and legislative branch officers and employees.
All new public officers and employees of the executive and
legislative branches shall review the employees' general code
of conduct prior to or at the time of being hired.

C. The head of every executive and legislative
agency and institution of the state may draft a separate code
of conduct for all public officers and employees in that

1 agency or institution. The separate agency code of conduct
2 shall prescribe standards, in addition to those set forth in
3 the Governmental Conduct Act and the general codes of conduct
4 for all executive and legislative branch public officers and
5 employees, that are peculiar and appropriate to the function
6 and purpose for which the agency or institution was created
7 or exists. The separate codes, upon approval of the
8 responsible executive branch public officer for executive
9 branch public officers and employees or the New Mexico
10 legislative council for legislative branch employees, govern
11 the conduct of the public officers and employees of that
12 agency or institution and, except for those public officers
13 and employees removable only by impeachment, shall, if
14 violated, constitute cause for dismissal, demotion or
15 suspension. The head of each executive and legislative
16 branch agency shall adopt ongoing education programs to
17 advise public officers and employees about the codes of
18 conduct. All codes shall be filed with the secretary of
19 state and are open to public inspection.

20 D. Codes of conduct shall be reviewed at least
21 once every four years. An amended code shall be filed as
22 provided in Subsection C of this section.

23 E. All legislators shall attend a minimum of two
24 hours of ethics continuing education and training
25 biennially. "
