

HOUSE BILL No. 6024

September 13, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Hunter and referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

A bill to amend Act No. 268 of the Public Acts of 1986, entitled as amended "Legislative council act," as amended, being sections 4.1101 to 4.1901 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 111.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 268 of the Public Acts of 1986, as
2 amended, being sections 4.1101 to 4.1901 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 111 to read as follows:

4 SEC. 111. (1) THE BUREAU SHALL DEVELOP AN ETHICS COURSE FOR
5 LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICE STAFF. THE BUREAU SHALL OFFER
6 THE ETHICS COURSE AT CONVENIENT TIMES TO PROMOTE MAXIMUM
7 PARTICIPATION.

1 (2) EACH LEGISLATOR SHALL ATTEND AN ETHICS COURSE OFFERED
2 UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF TAKING OFFICE AND
3 MAY REPEAT THE ETHICS COURSE AT ANY TIME.

4 (3) EACH OFFICE STAFF MEMBER OF A LEGISLATOR SHALL ATTEND AN
5 ETHICS COURSE OFFERED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN THE FIRST 3
6 MONTHS AFTER BEGINNING HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE LEGISLATOR
7 AND MAY REPEAT THE COURSE AT ANY TIME.

8 (4) THE ETHICS COURSE OFFERED UNDER THIS SECTION IS AVAIL-
9 ABLE TO ANY LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE. REGISTRATION INFORMATION MAY
10 BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUREAU.

11 (5) THE ETHICS COURSE SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION ON AT LEAST
12 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

13 (A) SPECIFIC LEGAL AND TECHNICAL ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
14 LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES.

15 (B) UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND
16 PRACTICES.

17 (C) GENERAL INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF
18 CONDUCT.

19 (6) THE BUREAU MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF PRIVATE CONSUL-
20 TANTS ON A CONTRACT BASIS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-
21 ANCE AND ADVICE TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION.

22 (7) THE BUREAU SHALL REPORT PARTICIPATION IN THE ETHICS
23 COURSE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ANNUALLY.