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HOUSE BILL NO. 1378

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 105, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to ethics.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 105, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 105.499, to read as follows:

**105.499. 1. As used in this section, the term "constitutional officers" means the
2 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, attorney
3 general, and executive department directors and acting directors.**

**4 2. Within one hundred twenty days of taking office, appointment, or employment,
5 all constitutional officers and members of the general assembly shall complete four hours
6 of ethics training that addresses, at a minimum, ethics laws in this chapter and chapters
7 130 and 576. All requirements of this subsection shall be completed by 5:00 p.m. of the last
8 day designated for completing the requirement. When the last day of completing the
9 requirement falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or on an official state holiday, the last day for
10 completion shall be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday,
11 or an official state holiday.**

**12 3. In addition to completing the requirements of this section within one hundred
13 twenty days of taking office, appointment, or employment, all constitutional officers and
14 members of the general assembly shall complete the requirements of this section once every
15 two years.**

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to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **4. If any constitutional officer or member of the general assembly does not complete**
17 **the requirements of this section within one hundred twenty days of taking office,**
18 **appointment, or employment, the Missouri ethics commission shall, in writing, notify the**
19 **individual of the individual's noncompliance. Any constitutional officer or member of the**
20 **general assembly who fails to complete the requirements of this section within thirty days**
21 **of receiving a written notice under this subsection shall be assessed a fee of ten dollars for**
22 **each day such completion is overdue. The ethics commission shall list the name of any such**
23 **constitutional officer or member of the general assembly who is assessed a fee under this**
24 **subsection on its website, and such name shall remain on such website until the**
25 **constitutional officer or member of the general assembly is in compliance with this section.**

26 **5. The ethics commission shall offer the training required in this section, and shall**
27 **promulgate rules establishing format and minimum course content. Any rule or portion**
28 **of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority**
29 **delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all**
30 **of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and**
31 **chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**
32 **under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule**
33 **are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any**
34 **rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void.**

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