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LEGAL UPDATE

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To: Superintendents, Member School Districts (K-12)
From: Frank Zotter, Jr., Senior Associate General Counsel *FZ*
Subject: Ethics Training Available for “Local Agency Officials”
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This is a reminder that in 2022 Governor Newsom approved Assembly Bill 2158 (“AB 2158”), which now requires “local agency officials” of school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to receive two hours of ethics training before January 1, 2026, and then at least once every two years thereafter. This requirement does not apply to officials whose term of office will end before January 1, 2026.

AB 2158 defined “local agency official” as:

A member of a local agency legislative body (as defined under the Brown Act) or an elected local agency official who receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties; or

Employees designated by a local agency governing body to receive the training; or

A member of the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school, whether or not that member receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

School & College Legal Services has developed a training course that meets the requirements of AB 2158 and is prepared to present it to any of our clients who would like to satisfy their obligation to get their initial training as required by that statutory scheme. We are willing to provide the training in person, and welcome any clients who would like to schedule it for your elected officials, and any other agency staff required to receive the training.



The training will meet the two-hour requirement of AB 2158, and will be relevant to your officials' public service. It covers the general ethical principles and the list of topics set forth in AB 2158. If you would like to schedule an onsite training, please contact our office for rates.

Please contact our office with questions regarding this Legal Update or any other legal matter.

The information in this Legal Update is provided as a summary of law and is not intended as legal advice. Application of the law may vary depending on the particular facts and circumstances at issue. We, therefore, recommend that you consult legal counsel to advise you on how the law applies to your specific situation.

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