

AN ACT relating to legislative ethics education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 6.716 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The commission shall design the general curriculum of a current issues seminar, which shall include, but not be limited to, discussion of changes in the ethics laws and administrative regulations, new advisory opinions, current ethical issues confronting public servants, practical application of ethics laws and principles to specific issues and situations, ***an overview of the Kentucky Constitution***, and development of problem-solving skills. The commission shall prepare the methods and materials necessary to implement the curriculum.
- (2) The commission shall:
 - (a) Administer the current issues seminars for legislators;
 - (b) Designate instructors to conduct their current issues courses who shall be trained by the commission; and
 - (c) Notify legislators regarding attendance in these seminars.
- (3) The current issues seminars shall be conducted in January of each year. Each course shall be at least three (3) hours in length and shall be designed for approval by the Kentucky Bar Association for continuing legal education ethics credits which the bar association may require.
- (4) ***In addition to the courses required by subsection (3) of this section, the current issues seminars shall also include a one and one-half (1-1/2) hour course on the Kentucky Constitution every two (2) years.***
- ~~(5)~~ (5) To facilitate participant interaction, those portions of the seminars dedicated to group participation may be closed to the public.
- ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Each legislator, after completion of an orientation training course, shall complete one (1) current issues seminar annually.