

## HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 7.41: Require Conflicts of Interest Training for Certain Public School Employees

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OVERVIEW: Section 7.41 of S.L. 2023-134 creates a new statute requiring all employees of local school administrative units who are involved in making or administering contracts to receive a minimum of two hours of conflicts of interest training regarding the making and administering of contracts. The training is required in every odd-numbered year and within 90 days of assuming the responsibility of making or administering contracts. Additionally, the training must include position-specific education on conflicts of interest and ethical standards of conduct. The local board of education can choose any qualified source to provide the training. All current employees involved in making or administering contracts have until April 3, 2024, to complete an initial training.

This section became effective October 3, 2023.

