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**AB-2055 Legislative ethics: harassment: education: lobbying.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2055**

**CHAPTER 964**

An act to amend Section 8956 of the Government Code, relating to legislative ethics.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2055, Levine. Legislative ethics: harassment: education: lobbying.

Existing law requires the legislative ethics committees of each house of the Legislature to conduct at least semiannually an orientation course on the relevant ethical issues and law related to lobbying.

This bill would require that orientation course to include information on each house of the Legislature's policies against harassment, including sexual harassment, in connection with lobbying activities..

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 8956 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**8956.** (a) The appropriate legislative ethics committees shall conduct at least semiannually an orientation course of the relevant statutes and regulations governing official conduct. The curriculum and presentation of the course shall be established by house rules.

(b) The committees shall conduct at least semiannually an orientation course on the relevant ethical issues and laws relating to lobbying, in consultation with the Fair Political Practices Commission. The course shall also include information on each house of the Legislature's policies against harassment, including sexual harassment, in connection with lobbying activities. One of the semiannual courses shall be held prior to June 30 of each year. This course may be combined with the course described in subdivision (a).

(c) At least once in each biennial session, each Member of the Legislature and each designated employee of the Legislature shall attend one of these courses.

(d) The committees shall impose fees on lobbyists for attending the course described in subdivision (b). The fees shall be set at an amount that will enable the lobbyists' participation in the course to be funded from those fees to the fullest extent possible.