

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0081

Public officer training-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Banks, Andrew, Lawley,
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and Washut and Senator(s) Cooper, Jones and
Kolb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;
2 removing minimum fiscal training requirements for public
3 officers; removing members of a governing body from the
4 definition of public officer; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-510(a)(intro) is amended to read:

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11 **9-1-510. Instructions to public officers; failure of**
12 **public officer to obey.**

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1 (a) The director of the state department of audit
2 shall ~~establish minimum training requirements for public~~
3 ~~officers. The department of audit shall promulgate rules to~~
4 ~~effectuate this paragraph. The director shall~~ instruct
5 public officers in the proper handling of the accounts of
6 their offices ~~in accordance with the minimum training~~
7 ~~requirements established by the director~~ and provide
8 comprehensive written materials. In lieu of directly
9 instructing public officers, the director may develop and
10 maintain a list of approved courses. ~~that comply with the~~
11 ~~minimum training requirements.~~ All public officers shall
12 receive instruction ~~in accordance with the minimum training~~
13 ~~requirements established by the director~~ within one (1)
14 year of assuming office or assuming responsibility for
15 handling the accounts of their office. The director may
16 waive or modify the requirement for public officers to
17 receive instruction within one (1) year of assuming office
18 or responsibility for handling the accounts of their office
19 if no approved courses exist in ~~either~~ a virtual format ~~or~~
20 ~~within the state,~~ or if available courses are cost
21 prohibitive. A public officer shall handle the accounts of
22 his office strictly in conformance with the instructions of
23 the director or any approved course and in the manner

1 required by law. If any public officer willfully neglects
2 or refuses to handle his accounts in the manner required,
3 ~~or fails to comply with the minimum training requirements~~
4 ~~established by the director within one (1) year of assuming~~
5 ~~office,~~ the director may request the governing body with
6 oversight over the public officer or other appropriate
7 authority to remove the public officer or provide increased
8 oversight. For purposes of this section, a "public officer"
9 shall be defined as:

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11 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-1-510(a)(ii) is repealed.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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