

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Provides relative to training requirements for local government officials

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part XVII of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 33:1420.31, relative to certain local government officials; to
4 provide relative to training authorized for such officials; to provide relative to
5 resources and training offered by certain associations or groups; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part XVII of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:1420.31 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART XVII. TRAINING FOR CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

11 §1420.31. Local government officials; training; certain municipalities

12 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all mayors
13 and members of the governing authorities of municipalities with a population of
14 fifteen thousand persons or less according the latest federal decennial census may
15 participate in workshops and other training courses offered by associations or groups
16 that provide training to local government officials, which are intended to assist such
17 officials in carrying out their duties by enhancing their knowledge of laws regulating
18 their respective municipalities. Any such elected official may use any local

1 government resource provided by such associations or groups to the officials and
 2 their respective municipalities.

3 B. Any association or group provided for in Subsection A of this Section
 4 may work jointly to provide workshops, training courses, and other resources to the
 5 elected officials and may offer incentives to the officials, such as continuing
 6 education credits or certificates for specialization in certain subject matters, to
 7 encourage their use of resources and attendance at workshops and training courses.

8 C. The provisions of this Part are applicable to any person who is appointed
 9 temporarily to fill a vacancy in an elective office of any municipality provided for
 10 in Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes certain municipal officials to participate in training courses offered by associations or groups that offer training to local government officials.

Proposed law authorizes mayors and members of the governing authorities of municipalities with a population of 15,000 persons or less to participate in workshops and other training courses offered by associations or groups that provide training to local government officials, which are intended to assist the officials in carrying out their duties.

Proposed law authorizes the associations or groups provided for in proposed law to work jointly to provide workshops, training courses, and other resources to the elected officials. Additionally authorizes the associations or groups to offer incentives such as continuing education credits or certificates for specialization to encourage the use of resources and attendance at workshops and training courses.

(Adds R.S. 33:1420.31)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove provisions of proposed law that require all elected officials in parishes and municipalities to participate in training and instead authorizes mayors and municipal governing authority members in certain municipalities to participate in such training.
2. Remove requirement that the elected officials receive training from specific organizations.

3. Remove requirement that the elected officials earn at least nine hours of training credit annually.
4. Remove requirement that training and other resources be made available to the staff members of the elected officials.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change proposed law applicability from municipalities with a population of 25,000 persons or less to municipalities with a population of 15,000 persons or less.