

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - ETHICS**
2 **TRAINING COURSE PROVISIONS**

3 2009 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Lorie D. Fowlke**

6 Senate Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature enacts a provision for the development and
11 completion of an ethics training course for legislators and lobbyists.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ requires the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to develop and
15 maintain an ethics training course for members of the Legislature and lobbyists;

16 ▶ requires that training materials and exercises be available on the Internet to
17 legislators, lobbyists, and to the public;

18 ▶ provides that the course be designed to assist legislators and lobbyists in
19 understanding and complying with current ethical and campaign finance

20 requirements;

21 ▶ requires that provisions be included to verify when a legislator or lobbyist has
22 successfully completed training exercises; and

23 ▶ requires that legislators and lobbyists complete the course annually or as directed
24 by the Legislative Management Committee.

25 **Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

28 ENACTS:

29 **JR6-1-301**

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **JR6-1-301** is enacted to read:

Part 3. Ethics Training

JR6-1-301. Ethics Training Course -- Internet Availability -- Content -- Participation Tracking.

(1) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall develop and maintain an ethics training course for members of the Legislature and lobbyists.

(2) The ethics training course shall include training materials and exercises that are available on the Internet to legislators, lobbyists, and to the public.

(3) The ethics training course shall be designed to assist legislators and lobbyists in understanding and complying with current ethical and campaign finance requirements under state law, legislative rules, and federal law.

(4) The ethics training course shall include provisions for verifying when a legislator or lobbyist has successfully completed key training exercises.

(5) A legislator or lobbyist shall successfully complete the key training exercises of the ethics training course once each year or as directed by the Legislative Management Committee.

(6) A lobbyist who does not complete the training required by this rule is subject to an ethics complaint under Senate or House rule.