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**A BILL**

To amend section 4733.151 of the Revised Code to 1  
require professional engineers to complete 2  
continuing professional development hours in 3  
professional ethics or rules relevant to 4  
engineering or surveying practices. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4733.151 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4733.151.** (A) For registrations expiring on the last 8  
day of December 2011, each registrant for renewal shall have 9  
completed, in calendar year 2011, at least fifteen hours of 10  
continuing professional development for professional engineers 11  
and surveyors. Thereafter, each registrant shall complete at 12  
least thirty hours of continuing professional development during 13  
the two-year period immediately preceding the biennial renewal 14  
expiration date. 15

(B) The continuing professional development requirement 16

may be satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with 17  
technical, ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the 18  
practice of engineering or surveying. A registrant may earn 19  
continuing professional development hours by completing or 20  
teaching university or college level coursework, attending 21  
seminars, workshops, or conferences, authoring relevant 22  
published papers, articles, or books, receiving patent awards, 23  
or actively participating in professional or technical societies 24  
serving the engineering or surveying professions. 25

Credit for university or college level coursework shall be 26  
based on the credit established by the university or college. 27  
One semester hour as established by the university or college 28  
shall be the equivalent of forty-five hours of continuing 29  
professional development, and one quarter hour as established by 30  
the university or college shall be the equivalent of thirty 31  
hours of continuing professional development. 32

Credit for seminars, workshops, or conferences offering 33  
continuing education units shall be based on the units awarded 34  
by the organization presenting the seminar, workshop, or 35  
conference. A registrant may earn ten continuing professional 36  
development hours for each continuing education unit awarded. 37  
Each hour of attendance at a seminar, workshop, or conference 38  
for which no continuing education units are offered shall be the 39  
equivalent of one continuing professional development hour. 40

A registrant may earn two continuing professional 41  
development hours for each year of service as an officer or 42  
active committee member of a professional or technical society 43  
or association that represents registrants or entities composed 44  
of registrants. A registrant may earn ten continuing 45  
professional development hours for authoring relevant published 46

papers, articles, or books. A registrant may earn ten continuing 47  
professional development hours for each such published paper, 48  
article, or book. A registrant may earn ten continuing 49  
professional development hours for each patent award. 50

(C) (1) A person registered as both a professional engineer 51  
and professional surveyor shall complete at least ten of the 52  
thirty hours required under division (A) of this section in 53  
engineering-related coursework or activities and at least ten of 54  
those thirty hours in surveying-related coursework or 55  
activities. 56

(2) Beginning with registrations expiring on or after the 57  
last day of December 2017, a person registered as a professional 58  
engineer or professional surveyor shall complete at least two of 59  
the thirty hours required under division (A) of this section on 60  
professional ethics or rules relevant to the practices of 61  
engineering or surveying. 62

(D) A registrant is exempt from the continuing 63  
professional development requirements of this section during the 64  
first calendar year of registration. 65

(E) (1) A registrant who completes more than thirty hours 66  
of approved coursework or activities in a biennial renewal 67  
period may carry forward to the next biennial renewal period a 68  
maximum of fifteen of the excess hours. 69

(2) A person registered as a professional engineer or 70  
professional surveyor may carry forward up to two hours on 71  
professional ethics or rules earned in excess of the requirement 72  
under division (C) (2) of this section as part of the fifteen 73  
hour maximum. 74

(F) A registrant shall maintain records to demonstrate 75

completion of the continuing professional development 76  
requirements specified in this section for a period of four 77  
calendar years beyond the year in which certification of the 78  
completion of the requirements is obtained by the registrant. 79  
The records shall include all of the following: 80

(1) A log specifying the type of coursework or activity, 81  
its location and duration along with the instructor's name, and 82  
the number of continuing professional development hours earned; 83

(2) Certificates of completion or other evidence verifying 84  
attendance. 85

(G) The records specified in division (F) of this section 86  
may be audited at any time by the state board of registration 87  
for professional engineers and surveyors. If the board discovers 88  
that a registrant has failed to complete coursework or 89  
activities, it shall notify the registrant of the deficiencies 90  
and allow the registrant six months from the date of the notice 91  
to rectify the deficiencies and to provide the board with 92  
evidence of satisfactory completion of the continuing 93  
professional development requirements. If the registrant fails 94  
to provide such evidence within that six-month period, the board 95  
may revoke or suspend the registration after offering an 96  
adjudication hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 97  
Revised Code. 98

**Section 2.** That existing section 4733.151 of the Revised 99  
Code is hereby repealed. 100