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**Senator Eklund**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3.35 of the Revised Code to permit 1  
exemptions for local officials from continuing 2  
education requirements of the office for an 3  
illness or disability or for out-of-state 4  
military service. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 3.35 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 3.35.** (A) "Public official" means any elected or 8  
appointed officer of a political subdivision as defined in 9  
section 2744.01 of the Revised Code. "Public official" does not 10  
include a judge or attorney. 11

(B) If a public official is prevented or unreasonably 12  
inhibited from participating in continuing education programs 13  
required as part of holding the elected or appointed position 14  
because the public official either (1) suffers from a severe, 15  
prolonged illness or disability or (2) is serving on active duty 16  
in the armed forces of the United States or in a reserve 17  
component of the armed forces, including the Ohio national 18

guard, and is serving outside the state, the public official may 19  
apply to the authority that monitors the official's continuing 20  
education records for an exemption. 21

(C) The authority shall prescribe a form on which a public 22  
official may apply for an exemption. The form shall require the 23  
public official to show a cause enumerated in clause (B)(1) or 24  
(2) of this section that is preventing or unreasonably 25  
inhibiting participation in continuing education programs 26  
required as part of holding the elected or appointed position. 27  
Upon submission of the completed form by the public official, 28  
the authority may exempt that public official from completion of 29  
the applicable continuing education requirements for the 30  
duration of the cause set forth in the application. 31