
INQ 15-274 Edmonson

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Subject: INQ 15-274 Commissioner Audrey Edmonson Ethics Training

Akeem Brutus, Legislative Aide to Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson inquired concerning the requirements on County Commissioners for State and County ethics Training required under Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and Section 2-11.1(bb) of the Miami-Dade County Code. I advised that the state requirement mandated four hours annually of ethics training on the Sunshine Amendment, Sunshine and Public Records Laws, and Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and could be satisfied by any qualified presenter, including a course offered by the Florida Association of Counties, or any municipal or other local government organization, local government attorney or by the Commission on Ethics Staff, which has provided such training in the past on request of the County Commission. The County ethics training required under Section 2-11.1(bb) covers the Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, County Ethics Code and Citizens' Bill of Rights, as well as some selected portions of the State Ethics Code. It is a two-hour course and is required only within 90 days of an election for those officials elected or re-elected in the election. Since Commissioner Edmonson was re-elected in 2012, she is not required to take the County Course until her next election, but needs to take the State Course every year. I advised that she could take one of the courses offered by the COE, including an upcoming course at the Miami-Dade School Board, in partial satisfaction of the State requirement.

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