



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 217**

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** Eklund, LaRose, Yuko, Seitz, Burke, Patton, Bacon

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Permits exemptions for local officials from continuing education requirements of the office for an illness or disability or for out-of-state military service.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Local official continuing education exemption**

The bill allows a public official to apply to the authority that monitors the public official's continuing education records for an exemption from participating in continuing education programs required as part of holding the public official's elected or appointed position if the public official is prevented or unreasonably inhibited from participating in the required continuing education. The public official can apply for an exemption if the public official either: (1) suffers from a severe, prolonged illness or disability or (2) is serving on active duty in the United States armed forces or in a reserve component of the armed forces, including the Ohio National Guard, and is serving outside Ohio.

The authority must prescribe a form on which a public official can apply for an exemption. The form must require the public official to show a cause as described above. When a public official submits a completed form, the authority can exempt the public official from completion of the applicable continuing education requirements for the duration of the cause set forth in the application.

As used in the bill, "public official" means any elected or appointed officer of a political subdivision as defined in the Political Subdivision Tort Liability Law, and specifies that "public official" does not include a judge or attorney.<sup>1</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-28-15

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3.35 and 2744.01, not in the bill.

