

Mandatory Continuing Education - On a Lighter Note!

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With the long-standing dysfunction of Congress acknowledged by many inside and outside of government, and with no signs of a quick fix, I wonder whether a courageous legislator, or one with a good sense of humor, would think it advisable to introduce legislation or internal rules that would require all members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to obtain a minimum amount of continuing education every two years – just like is required for physicians, lawyers, mental health professionals, and realtors – to name a few. Similar legislation might also be useful for dysfunctional state legislatures. Such legislation might drive home a larger point - excessive regulation!

Think of the many required courses that might prove useful – ethics, conflict resolution, diversity and multicultural training, interpersonal relationship training, etc. What coursework would you recommend? Even though such a bill would stand little or no chance of passage, its introduction might get a laugh or make one or more points.

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