

Amend CSSB 1579 (senate committee printing) in ARTICLE 8 of the bill, after SECTION 8.02 (page 5, between lines 49 and 50), by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS:

SECTION 8.\_\_\_\_. Section 81.113, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The state bar shall credit an attorney licensed in this state with meeting the minimum continuing legal education requirements of the state bar for a reporting year if during the reporting year the attorney is employed full-time as an attorney by the office of the attorney general. An attorney credited for continuing legal education under this subsection must meet the continuing legal education requirements of the state bar in legal ethics or professional responsibility. This subsection expires January 1, 2016.

SECTION 8.\_\_\_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.010. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. The office of the attorney general shall recognize, prepare, or administer continuing legal education programs that meet continuing legal education requirements imposed under Section 81.113(c) for the attorneys employed by the office. This section expires January 1, 2016.

SECTION 8.\_\_\_\_. Section 81.113, Government Code, as amended by this article, applies only to the requirements for a continuing legal education compliance year that ends on or after September 1, 2011. The requirements for continuing legal education for a compliance year that ends before September 1, 2011, are covered by the law and rules in effect when the compliance year ended, and that law and those rules are continued in effect for that purpose.