

Fresh-faced Nev. legislators schooled on everything

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CARSON CITY – Before the nitty-gritty of lawmaking begins in February, newbie Nevada legislators fresh off the campaign trail need to know the basics.

Orientation began last week for 17 freshman Assembly and Senate members who've never served in the Legislature. It was a three-day crash course on everything from learning where the restrooms are and how to use the Legislature's computer system to tips on dealing with constituents, the press, lobbyists – and one another.

A bill passed by the 2011 Legislature made the crash course mandatory for all new lawmakers. The mandate came as a result of term limits imposed by voters in 1996 that restricted legislators to 12 years of service in both the Assembly and the Senate.

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