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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to training requirements for members of the board of ethics of a political subdivision or municipality

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 808 of the general municipal law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. (a) Each member of the board of ethics of a political subdivision
4 or municipality shall complete, at a minimum, four hours of training
5 each year designed to enable such members to more effectively carry out
6 their duties. Training received by a member in excess of four hours in
7 any one year may be carried over by the member into succeeding years in
8 order to meet the requirements of this subdivision. Such training shall
9 be approved by the governing body and may include, but not be limited
10 to, training provided by a municipality, county, state agency, statewide
11 municipal association, college or other similar entity. Training may be
12 provided in a variety of formats, including but not limited to, elec-
13 tronic media, video, distance learning and traditional classroom train-
14 ing.

15 (b) To be eligible for reappointment to such board, such member shall
16 have completed the training promoted by the respective political subdi-
17 vision or municipality pursuant to this subdivision.

18 (c) The training required by this subdivision may be waived or modi-
19 fied by resolution of the governing body when, in the judgment of the
20 governing body, it is in the best interest of the respective political
21 subdivision or municipality to do so.

22 (d) No decision of a board of ethics shall be voided or declared
23 invalid because of a failure to comply with this subdivision.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (e) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision, this subdivision shall
2 have no application to a city having a population of one million or more
3 or to a county, school district, or other public agency or facility
4 therein.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
6 have become a law.