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# IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MAY, JORDAN, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Libraries -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading -- again amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring members of a board of trustees of public, free association and Indian libraries to complete two hours of trustee education annually

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 260-d to read as follows:

**§ 260-d. Board of trustees continuing education. 1. Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-three, each member, elected or appointed, of a board of trustees of a public, free association or Indian library shall be required to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually, from a provider approved by the commissioner on the financial oversight, accountability, fiduciary responsibilities and the general powers and duties of a library trustee. Such trustee education may be delivered online or in person, and may include lectures, workshops, regional or national library association programs, or any other format approved by the commissioner.**

**2. Each member shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this section by filing with the president of the board of trustees evidence of completion of trustee education from an approved provider. Actual and necessary expenses incurred by a member in complying with this section shall be a charge against the library. Such evidence shall include one of the following:**

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

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(a) certificates of completion issued by one or more approved providers; or

(b) a signed self-assurance of completion. Such assurance shall identify the approved trustee education providers, a description of the format and content of the completed instruction activities, the date and time such member began and completed each instruction activity and an explanation of why a certificate of completion was not available from such approved providers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.