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Introduced by M. of A. JEAN-PIERRE, FAHY, PALMESANO, STECK, SCHMITT, B. MILLER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. TAGUE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

3 § 260-d. Board of trustees continuing education. 1. Beginning January
4 first, two thousand twenty-three, each member, elected or appointed, of
5 a board of trustees of a public, free association or Indian library
6 shall be required to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee educa-
7 tion annually, from a provider approved by the commissioner on the
8 financial oversight, accountability, fiduciary responsibilities and the
9 general powers and duties of a library trustee. Such trustee education
10 may be delivered online or in person, and may include lectures, work-
11 shops, regional or national library association programs, or any other
12 format approved by the commissioner.

13 2. Each member shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of
14 this section by filing with the president of the board of trustees
15 evidence of completion of trustee education from an approved provider.
16 Actual and necessary expenses incurred by a member in complying with
17 this section shall be a charge against the library. Such evidence shall
18 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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1 (a) certificates of completion issued by one or more approved provid-
2 ers; or

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

9 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.