

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 4, 2021

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

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 ten hours of trustee education per term

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 ten hours of trustee educa-  
7 tion per term, not to exceed three hours annually, from a provider  
8 approved by the commissioner on the financial oversight, accountability,  
9 fiduciary responsibilities and the general powers and duties of a  
10 library trustee. Such trustee education may be delivered online or in  
11 person, and may include lectures, workshops, regional or national  
12 library association programs, or any other format approved by the  
13 commissioner.

14 2. Each member shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of  
15 this section by filing with the president of the board of trustees  
16 evidence of completion of trustee education from an approved provider.  
17 Actual and necessary expenses incurred by a trustee or member in comply-  
18 ing with this section shall be a charge against the library. Such  
19 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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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.