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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to required training for school district officers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2102-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 388 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

1. a. Every trustee or voting member of a board of education of a school district or a board of cooperative educational services, elected or appointed for a term beginning on or after July first, two thousand five, shall, within the first year of [~~his or her~~] **such trustee's or voting member's** term, complete a minimum of six hours of training on the financial oversight, accountability and fiduciary responsibilities of a school board member.

b. In addition to the training required by paragraph a of this subdivision, every trustee or voting member of a board of education of a school district or a board of cooperative educational services, elected or appointed for a [~~first~~] term beginning on or after the first of July next succeeding the effective date of this paragraph, shall, within the first year of [~~his or her~~] **such trustee's or voting member's** term, complete a training course to acquaint [~~him or her~~] **such trustee or voting member** with the powers, functions and duties of boards of education, **including, but not limited to, responsibility for adoption of curriculum and instructional materials for courses of study required under this chapter, and responsibility for adoption of curriculum and instructional materials aligned with all New York state learning standards,** as well as the powers and duties of other governing and administrative authorities affecting public education. **Such training shall**

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

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include any new or updated laws, rules or regulations relevant to the requirements of this subdivision.

c. [~~Upon demonstration of compliance, no trustee or member of a board of education or a board of cooperative educational services shall be required to repeat the training requirements provided for in paragraphs a and b of this subdivision.~~] Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a member of a central high school district board or a member of a board of cooperative educational services to complete such requirements if such member has already completed such requirements as a member of a board of a component school district. [~~Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require trustees or voting members of a board of education of a school district or a board of cooperative educational services to complete the requirements of paragraph b of this subdivision if such trustee or member is seated or appointed on or before the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand ten that amended this subdivision.~~]

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.