

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; REQUIRING ALL
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF STATE EDUCATIONAL
4 INSTITUTIONS AND THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF OTHER PUBLIC
5 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO COMPLETE TEN HOURS
6 OF TRAINING; REQUIRING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO
7 DEVELOP AND PROVIDE THE TRAINING AND MONITOR COMPLIANCE.

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

10 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
11 enacted to read:

12 "STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--BOARDS OF REGENTS AND
13 GOVERNING BOARDS MANDATORY TRAINING.--

14 A. The members of the boards of regents of all
15 state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12,
16 Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and the
17 governing boards of other public post-secondary educational
18 institutions shall complete ten hours of training during the
19 first six months of the members' terms. The training shall
20 consist of:

21 (1) two hours covering the provisions of the
22 constitution of New Mexico and state law pertaining to state
23 educational institutions and related post-secondary education
24 matters;

25 (2) two hours covering financial management,

1 budgeting and fiduciary duties;

2 (3) two hours covering student success and
3 student support services;

4 (4) two hours covering institutional
5 governance, innovation, best practices and available federal,
6 state and nongovernmental resources to assist the boards of
7 regents and members of the boards; and

8 (5) two hours covering ethics and state law
9 regarding ethics oversight and public accountability,
10 including the Procurement Code, the Open Meetings Act, the
11 Gift Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act.

12 B. The higher education department shall:

13 (1) develop and provide the ten hours of
14 training to all members of the boards of regents and
15 governing boards; and

16 (2) monitor and maintain a record of each
17 member's compliance with this section."

18 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act
19 apply to all members appointed to the boards of regents of the
20 state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12,
21 Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and all members
22 of the governing boards of other public post-secondary
23 educational institutions after the effective date of this act
24 and to current members with at least one year of the members'
25 terms left to be served after the effective date of this act;

1 provided that current members to whom this act applies shall

2 complete the training no later than December 31, 2025. SEC/SB 19

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