

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 19

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; REQUIRING ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF OTHER PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO COMPLETE TEN HOURS OF TRAINING; REQUIRING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE THE TRAINING.

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

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--BOARDS OF REGENTS AND GOVERNING BOARDS MANDATORY TRAINING.--

A. The members of the boards of regents of all state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and the governing

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1 boards of other public post-secondary educational institutions
2 shall complete ten hours of training during the first six
3 months of the members' terms. The training shall consist of:

4 (1) two hours covering the provisions of the
5 constitution of New Mexico and state law pertaining to state
6 educational institutions and related post-secondary education
7 matters;

8 (2) two hours covering financial management,
9 budgeting and fiduciary duties;

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

12 (4) two hours covering institutional
13 governance, innovation, best practices and available federal,
14 state and nongovernmental resources to assist the boards of
15 regents and members of the boards; and

16 (5) two hours covering ethics and state law
17 regarding ethics oversight and public accountability, including
18 the Procurement Code, the Open Meetings Act, the Gift Act and
19 the Inspection of Public Records Act.

20 B. The higher education department shall develop
21 and provide the ten hours of training."

22 **SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.**--The provisions of this act
23 apply to all members appointed to the boards of regents of the
24 state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12,
25 Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and all members of

1 the governing boards of other public post-secondary educational
2 institutions after the effective date of this act and to
3 current members with at least one year of the members' terms
4 left to be served after the effective date of this act;
5 provided that current members to whom this act applies shall
6 complete the training no later than December 31, 2025.

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