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SENATE BILL

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

INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; REQUIRING ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF STATE 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 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 shall complete ten hours of training during the first year of the members' terms.

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1 The training shall consist of:

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

6 (2) two hours covering financial management,
7 budgeting and fiduciary duties;

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

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

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

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

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

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1 effective date of this act; provided that current members to
2 whom this act applies shall complete the training no later than
3 December 31, 2025.

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