

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.                     

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