



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5114

LCO No. 1203



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2021, each governing board of an institution of higher education in the
3 state, in consultation with the administrators of the institution, shall (1)
4 adopt a policy requiring the completion of educational programs by the
5 members of the governing board, which, at a minimum, shall require
6 (A) each new member of the governing board to complete at least one
7 educational program during the member's first two years on the
8 governing board, and (B) each member of the governing board to
9 complete at least one educational program during each succeeding term
10 of the member on the governing board; and (2) develop or identify
11 educational programs, the completion of which would satisfy the policy
12 established pursuant to this section, which educational programs shall
13 include, but need not be limited to, training regarding (A) a board
14 member's duties to the institution of higher education governed by the

15 board, (B) each committee of the governing board, including, but not
16 limited, to the executive committee, and its functions, (C) professional
17 accounting and reporting standards, (D) methods for meeting the
18 statutory, regulatory and fiduciary obligations of the governing board,
19 (E) a board member's institutional and statutory ethical responsibilities,
20 (F) the development and implementation of institutional policies, (G)
21 business operations, administration, budgeting, financing, financial
22 reporting, financial reserves and endowment managing relevant to
23 institutions of higher education, (H) student tuition, mandatory fees and
24 student debt trends, (I) oversight of planning, construction,
25 maintenance, expansion and renovation projects that impact the
26 infrastructure, physical facilities and natural environment of the
27 institution of higher education that the board governs, (J) workforce
28 planning, strategy and investment, (K) institutional advancement,
29 including, philanthropic giving, fundraising initiatives, alumni
30 programming, communications and media, government and public
31 relations and community affairs, (L) student welfare issues, including
32 academic studies, curriculum, residence life, student governance and
33 activities and the general physical and mental well-being of students,
34 (M) current and future issues in higher education, and (N) any other
35 topics each governing board deems necessary.

36 (b) Not later than February 1, 2021, and thereafter not later than thirty
37 days after adopting any changes to the policy adopted pursuant to
38 subsection (a) of this section, the governing board of each institution of
39 higher education shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
40 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
41 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
42 education the policy such governing board adopted pursuant to
43 subsection (a) of this section.

44 (c) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
45 governing board of each institution of higher education shall submit a
46 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
47 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
48 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education on the

49 number and types of educational programs each member of such
50 governing board completed during the preceding calendar year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require training of each board member responsible for governing any institution of higher education in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]