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ENGROSSED

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SENATE BILL NO. 568

BY SENATOR JACKSON

SCHOOLS. Authorizes school board members to obtain training or instruction at certain national conferences in meeting their annual training requirement. (8/15/10)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:53(A) and (B), relative to required training and instruction
3	of school board members; to authorize school board members to obtain training and
4	instruction at certain conferences; to require verification of attendance; and to
5	provide for related matters.
б	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:53(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8	follows:
9	§53. School board members; training required
10	A.(1) Each member of a city, parish, and other local public school board shall
11	receive a minimum of four hours of training and instruction annually in the school
12	laws of this state, in the laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of
13	city, parish, and other local public school boards, and in educational trends, research,
14	and policy. In a city, parish, or other local public school district that has one or more
15	schools identified as an academically unacceptable school or a school in need of
16	academic assistance as defined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
17	Education pursuant to policies developed and adopted by the board for

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1 implementation of the school and district accountability system, at least two of such 2 hours shall focus on the improvement of schools identified as failing schools as defined by the state board pursuant to such policies. The remaining hours shall focus 3 on education policy issues, including but not limited to literacy and numeracy, 4 leadership development, dropout prevention, career and technical education, 5 redesigning high schools, early childhood education, school discipline, and 6 harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Training shall also include instruction 7 8 relative to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:4.1 et seq., and the 9 Public Bid Law, Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

(2) Such Any such instruction required by Paragraph (1) of this
 Subsection may be received from a any of the following sources:

(a) A postsecondary education institution in this state, from instruction.

(b) Instruction sponsored by the state Department of Education, or from an.
 (c) An in-service training program conducted by a city, parish, or other local
 public school board central office or the Louisiana School Boards Association
 provided that the instruction and the method for demonstrating attendance are pre approved by the Louisiana School Boards Association.

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 (d) Training and instruction received at any conference presented by the

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 National School Boards Association or by the Council of the Great City Schools,

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 provided that verification of attendance by the school board member at any

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 such training is obtained.

22 (3) Each school board member's attendance must shall be reported by the
 23 instructor to the Louisiana School Boards Association.

B.(1) The postsecondary education institution, the state Department of Education, the school board central office, or the Louisiana School Boards Association that provides such instruction shall issue a certificate of completion to each school board member who completes the instruction required by this Section, and a copy of such certificate shall be entered into the minutes of the school board on which such member serves.

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1	(2) The superintendent of the school system on which school board the
2	member serves shall be responsible for verifying that the any of the training or
3	instruction received by the school board member pursuant to Subsection A of
4	this Section meets the requirements of this Section.
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The original instrument was prepared by Sherri H. Breaux. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne Johnston.

DIGEST

Jackson (SB 568)

<u>Present law</u> requires each member a local public school board to receive a minimum of four hours of training and instruction annually in school law, in the laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of local school boards, and in educational trends, research, and policy. Provides that in a local school district that has one or more schools identified as an academically unacceptable school or a school in need of academic assistance as defined by BESE, at least two of such hours must focus on the improvement of schools identified as failing schools. Provides for the remaining hours to focus on policy issues as literacy and numeracy, leadership development, dropout prevention, career and technical education, redesigning high schools, early childhood education, school discipline, and harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Requires training to also include instruction relative to the open meetings and public bid laws.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes such instruction to be received from a postsecondary education institution, from instruction sponsored by the Dept. of Education, or from an in-service training program conducted by a local school board central office or the La. School Boards Association (LSBA) provided that the instruction and the method for demonstrating attendance are pre-approved by LSBA. Requires each school board member's attendance to be reported by the instructor to the LSBA.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and also authorizes training and instruction received at any conference presented by the National School Boards Association or by the Council of the Great City Schools, provided that verification of attendance by the school board member at the training is obtained.

<u>Present law</u> requires the local school superintendent to be responsible for verifying that the instruction meets the requirements of law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 17:53(A) and (B))

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

- <u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the</u> <u>original bill.</u>
- 1. Removes reference to regional school board associations.
- 2. Provides for training credit for attending conferences offered by the Council of the Great City Schools.