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So much of the recommendations of the Inspector General (House, No. 8) as relates to higher education boards of trustees. Higher Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court**  
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An Act relative to higher education boards of trustees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following:

3           The department of higher education, in this section called the department, shall establish  
4 and implement a comprehensive training program for members. The department shall provide  
5 instruction and training to members on the proper management of an institution of higher  
6 education. The instruction and training shall include, but not be limited to, the following laws  
7 and topics: (i) the open meeting law established pursuant to sections 18 to 25, inclusive, of  
8 chapter 30A; (ii) the public records law established pursuant to chapter 66; (iii) the conflict of  
9 interest law established pursuant to chapter 268A; (iv) procurement law; (v) state finance  
10 provisions established pursuant to chapter 29; (vi) fraud prevention; and (vii) fiduciary  
11 responsibilities. The department shall consult with the attorney general and the inspector general  
12 in developing instruction and training programs pursuant to this section.

13           Upon appointment and reappointment, every member shall complete a training program,  
14 as developed by the department, within 6 months of assuming the member's position. Members  
15 shall complete a training program within 2 years of the date of the member's last training.  
16 Failure to complete a training program within 6 months of assuming a position as a member or  
17 failure to complete a training program within 2 years of the date of the member's last training  
18 may be grounds for terminating the member. The chairman shall forthwith notify the governor  
19 when any vacancy exists.

20           SECTION 2. Section 1A of chapter 75 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
21 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

22           Upon appointment and reappointment or election and re-election, every member shall  
23 complete the training program developed by the department of higher education under section 21  
24 of chapter 15A within 6 months of assuming the member's position. Members shall complete a  
25 training program within 2 years of the date of the member's last training. Failure to complete a  
26 training program within 6 months of assuming a position as a member or failure to complete a  
27 training program within 2 years of the date of the member's last training may be grounds for  
28 terminating the member. The chairman shall forthwith notify the governor when any vacancy  
29 exists.