

Assembly Bill No. 451—Assemblymen Frierson  
and Benitez-Thompson

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; requiring a member of the board of trustees of a school district to complete certain training for professional development; requiring the clerk of the board of trustees of a school district to take certain actions relating to the required training; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires each school district of this State to be governed by an elected board of trustees comprised of either five or seven members who serve 4-year terms. (NRS 386.120, 386.150, 386.160, 386.165) Existing law authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to fill a vacancy on the board by appointing a person to serve until the next general election. (NRS 386.270) **Section 1** of this bill requires a member of the board of trustees of a school district to complete not less than 6 hours of training for professional development in both the first and third years of their 4-year term. **Section 1** provides that this training must include instruction in: (1) laws relating to public records; (2) the Open Meeting Law; (3) laws relating to local government employee-management relations; (4) the laws governing the system of K-12 public schools in this State; (5) laws relating to local government ethics; (6) the identification and prevention of violence in schools; (7) certain financial management topics; (8) the fiduciary duties of a member of the board of trustees of a school district; and (9) laws relating to employment and contracts. **Section 1** also requires a member of the board to provide written certification relating to the completion of this training.

Existing law requires the board of trustees of a school district to elect one of its members to serve as clerk of the board or to select another qualified person to serve as clerk. (NRS 386.310) **Section 1** of this bill requires the clerk of the board of trustees to: (1) assist the members of the board of trustees with the completion of the training for professional development; and (2) post notice of the failure of a member to complete this training on the Internet website of the board and provide notice of such failure to the other members of the board.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 386 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. Each person who is elected or appointed to serve as a member of the board of trustees of a school district shall complete training for professional development during the first and third year of the term of the member which must include not less than 6 hours of instruction covering:*



*(a) Laws relating to public records, including, without limitation, the provisions of chapter 239 of NRS;*

*(b) The Open Meeting Law, including, without limitation, the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS;*

*(c) Local government employee-management relations, including, without limitation, the provisions of chapter 288 of NRS;*

*(d) The system of K-12 public education in this State, including, without limitation, the provisions of title 34 of NRS;*

*(e) Local government ethics, including, without limitation, the provisions of chapter 281A of NRS;*

*(f) The manner in which to identify and prevent violence in public schools, including, without limitation, sexual violence;*

*(g) Financial management, including, without limitation, information concerning oversight, accountability and audits;*

*(h) The fiduciary duties of a member of the board of trustees of a school district, including, without limitation, the provisions of this chapter; and*

*(i) Laws relating to employment and contracts.*

*2. A member of the board of trustees of a school district shall provide written certification of completion of the training required by this section to the clerk of the board of trustees.*

*3. If a member fails to complete the training or to provide the written certification of completion which is required by this section, the clerk must post notice of such noncompliance in a conspicuous manner on the Internet website of the board of trustees. The clerk must also provide written notice of the noncompliance to the other members of the board of trustees.*

*4. The clerk of the board of trustees shall assist each member of the board as necessary to complete the training required pursuant to this section.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

