

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

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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.

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.

