

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by adding Section 13 as follows:

(110 ILCS 205/13 new)

Sec. 13. Leadership training for university board members.

(a) The Board shall require every voting member of the governing board of a public university appointed for a term beginning after January 1, 2016 to complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics that shall include, but are not limited to, public university and labor law, contract law, ethics, sexual violence on campus, financial oversight and accountability, audits, and fiduciary responsibilities of a member of a governing board within 2 years after beginning service and within every 2 years of service thereafter.

(b) A public university shall maintain on its Internet website the names of all voting members of the governing board who have successfully completed the training.

(c) Beginning after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, by July 31 of each year, the chairperson of each governing board shall certify to the Board

the number of hours of training that each member received during the preceding fiscal year.

(d) If the certification indicates that a board member has not completed the training required under this Section, the Board shall send a notice to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives of that fact, and the governing board shall suspend the board member from continued service, at which point, the board member has 45 days to complete all training deemed incomplete as provided by the certification. Failure of the board member to complete the necessary training within this probationary period constitutes a resignation from and creates a vacancy in the governing board, to be filled as provided by law.

(e) The training under this Section may be provided by the Board or by other qualified providers approved by the Board.