

SENATE BILL No. 344

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-4-12.

Synopsis: School board member training. Adds a definition of "training course" for purposes of the training requirement that is applicable to the members of a school corporation's governing body. Provides that the department of education (department) shall work with the department of local government finance and the Indiana education employment relations board to create the training course. Provides that, beginning after December 31, 2020, each newly elected or appointed member of a school corporation's governing body shall attend the training course created by the department. Provides that reelected and reappointed members of a governing body are required to attend the training if at least four years have passed after the date on which the individual's term ended. Provides that a school corporation may pay the training expenses of a member of the governing body from the school corporation's operations fund without appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-4-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2020]: **Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "training course"**
4 **refers to a training course that is compiled or developed by the**
5 **department in conjunction with:**
6 **(1) the department of local government finance; and**
7 **(2) the Indiana education employment relations board**
8 **established by IC 20-29-3-1.**
9 **(b) Beginning after December 31, 2020, and except as provided**
10 **in subsection (f), each newly elected or appointed member of a**
11 **governing body shall attend a training course that covers at least**
12 **the following topics:**
13 **(1) Legal and financial issues that impact school corporations.**
14 **(2) Personnel issues, including:**
15 **(A) teacher licensing and contracts under IC 20-28; and**
16 **(B) collective bargaining under IC 20-29.**
17 **(3) Issues related to student discipline.**



1 **(4) How to access academic and financial data and**
2 **information related to school corporations that is maintained**
3 **by the department.**

4 **(5) Sources of state funding available to school corporations.**

5 **(c) Except as provided in subsection (f), an individual who**
6 **becomes a member after December 31, 2020, shall complete a**
7 **training course not later than six (6) months after becoming a**
8 **member.**

9 **(d) The format of the training may be either an:**

10 **(1) in-person presentation at a location the department**
11 **selects; or**

12 **(2) electronic or technology based medium, including**
13 **self-review modules available on an online system.**

14 **(e) This subsection applies only to an individual who has**
15 **previously served a term as a member of a governing body. If an**
16 **individual is reelected or reappointed to a governing body**
17 **following a lapse of at least four (4) years after the date on which**
18 **the individual's term ended, the individual shall attend the training**
19 **course established by this section.**

20 **(f) This subsection applies only to an individual appointed to fill**
21 **a vacancy on the governing body. An individual described in this**
22 **subsection may, but is not required to, take the training course**
23 **required by this section. If an individual described in this**
24 **subsection takes a training course required by this section for a**
25 **member of a governing body, the school corporation shall pay for**
26 **the training course as if the individual had been newly elected or**
27 **appointed to the governing body.**

28 **(g) Expenses incurred for a training course by an individual**
29 **who takes office as a newly elected or appointed member of the**
30 **governing body after December 31, 2020, may be paid from the**
31 **school corporation's operations fund without appropriation.**

