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SUMMARY

Digest: Requires a person who is a member of the governing body for a district or school to receive training. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Requires a person who is a member of an education governing body to comply with training standards established and maintained by the State Board of Education.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to training for members of education governing bodies; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “education governing body” means:

(a) The board of directors of a school district;

(b) The board of directors of an education service district; or

(c) The governing body of a public charter school.

(2) A person who is a member of an education governing body must comply with training standards prescribed by the State Board of Education as provided by this section.

(3) The State Board of Education shall establish and maintain training standards for persons who are members of education governing bodies. The standards must comply with the provisions of this section and must include:

(a) Qualifications for providers of training;

(b) Any exceptions of or modifications to the frequency of the

1 **training, as prescribed by subsection (5) of this section, for a person**
2 **who is a member of more than one education governing body; and**

3 **(c) Reporting requirements for indicating compliance with the pro-**
4 **visions of this section.**

5 **(4) Training required under this section must include the following**
6 **topics:**

7 **(a) Oregon government ethics laws, including filing requirements**
8 **under ORS 244.050;**

9 **(b) Restrictions on political activity that apply to public officials;**

10 **(c) Oregon public records laws;**

11 **(d) Oregon public meetings laws;**

12 **(e) Applicable budgeting laws and requirements, including the Local**
13 **Budget Law of ORS 294.305 to 294.565;**

14 **(f) Roles and responsibilities related to being a mandatory reporter**
15 **of child abuse under ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050;**

16 **(g) Prohibitions against discrimination, including requirements for**
17 **compliance with ORS 659.850; and**

18 **(h) Federal education law, including:**

19 **(A) The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;**

20 **(B) Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act**
21 **of 1965;**

22 **(C) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;**

23 **(D) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and**

24 **(E) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and relevant parts**
25 **of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.**

26 **(5) Training required under this section for a person elected or ap-**
27 **pointed to a position as a member of an education governing body**
28 **must be completed as follows:**

29 **(a) A person's initial training:**

30 **(A) May occur before the beginning of the person's term of office;**
31 **and**

1 (B) Must occur no later than 90 days after the beginning of the
2 person's term of office.

3 (b) A member who has completed the initial training must complete
4 subsequent training at least once every four calendar years.

5 (6) Training required under this section may be provided in person
6 or online.

7 (7) To assist persons who are members of education governing
8 bodies to comply with this section, the Department of Education shall:

9 (a) Identify or create training materials, maintain the materials
10 and make the materials available for training; and

11 (b) Establish and maintain a list of training providers approved by
12 the department as complying with the qualifications established by the
13 State Board of Education.

14 SECTION 2. (1) The training requirements of section 1 of this 2025
15 Act apply to persons who are elected or appointed to an education
16 governing body on or after May 1, 2026.

17 (2) Persons who were elected or appointed to an education govern-
18 ing body prior to May 1, 2026:

19 (a) May choose to receive training described in section 1 of this 2025
20 Act at any time during the remainder of the person's term; and

21 (b) Must comply with the training requirements of section 1 of this
22 2025 Act if the person is elected or appointed on or after May 1, 2026.

23 SECTION 3. No later than May 1, 2026:

24 (1) The State Board of Education shall establish the standards pre-
25 scribed by section 1 of this 2025 Act.

26 (2) The Department of Education shall comply with the require-
27 ments prescribed by section 1 (7) of this 2025 Act.

28 SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
29 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
30 clared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.