

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 1.05 and 4 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 120/1.05)

7 Sec. 1.05. Training.

8 (a) Every public body shall designate employees, officers,
9 or members to receive training on compliance with this Act.
10 Each public body shall submit a list of designated employees,
11 officers, or members to the Public Access Counselor. Within 6
12 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
13 96th General Assembly, the designated employees, officers, and
14 members must successfully complete an electronic training
15 curriculum, developed and administered by the Public Access
16 Counselor, and thereafter must successfully complete an annual
17 training program. Thereafter, whenever a public body
18 designates an additional employee, officer, or member to
19 receive this training, that person must successfully complete
20 the electronic training curriculum within 30 days after that
21 designation.

22 (b) Each elected or appointed member of a public body
23 subject to this Act who is such a member on the effective date

1 of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly must
2 successfully complete the electronic training curriculum
3 developed and administered by the Public Access Counselor. For
4 these members, the training must be completed within one year
5 after the effective date of this amendatory Act.

6 Each elected or appointed member of a public body subject
7 to this Act who becomes such a member after the effective date
8 of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly shall
9 successfully complete the electronic training curriculum
10 developed and administered by the Public Access Counselor. For
11 these members, the training must be completed not later than
12 the 90th day after the date the member:

13 (1) takes the oath of office, if the member is required
14 to take an oath of office to assume the person's duties as
15 a member of the public body; or

16 (2) otherwise assumes responsibilities as a member of
17 the public body, if the member is not required to take an
18 oath of office to assume the person's duties as a member of
19 the governmental body.

20 Each member successfully completing the electronic
21 training curriculum shall file a copy of the certificate of
22 completion with the public body.

23 Completing the required training as a member of the public
24 body satisfies the requirements of this Section with regard to
25 the member's service on a committee or subcommittee of the
26 public body and the member's ex officio service on any other

1 public body.

2 The failure of one or more members of a public body to
3 complete the training required by this Section does not affect
4 the validity of an action taken by the public body.

5 An elected or appointed member of a public body subject to
6 this Act who has successfully completed the training required
7 under this subsection (b) and filed a copy of the certificate
8 of completion with the public body is not required to
9 subsequently complete the training required under this
10 subsection (b).

11 (Source: P.A. 96-542, eff. 1-1-10.)

12 (5 ILCS 120/4) (from Ch. 102, par. 44)

13 Sec. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this
14 Act, except subsection (b) of Section 1.05, shall be guilty of
15 a Class C misdemeanor.

16 (Source: P. A. 77-2549.)