

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

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

6 (110 ILCS 205/13 new)

7 Sec. 13. Leadership training for university board members.

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

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

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

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

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

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