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Short Title: Modify Educ. Requirement/School Bd. Members.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR SERVICE ON A LOCAL
3 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-50 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-50. Training of board members.**

7 All members of local boards of education shall receive a minimum of 12 clock hours of
8 training ~~annually each~~ fiscal year for each full fiscal year of service or a prorated number of
9 hours for each partial year.

10 For a board member who has not previously served on a North Carolina board of education,
11 these hours shall include new board member training provided by the North Carolina School
12 Boards Association. These hours shall be completed between the date of the member's
13 appointment or election and the date the member completes one year of service.

14 The training shall include but not be limited to public school law, public school finance,
15 and duties and responsibilities of local boards of education. The training may be provided by
16 the North Carolina School Boards Association, the School of Government at the University of
17 North Carolina at Chapel Hill, or other qualified sources at the choice of the local board of
18 education."

19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-50 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 115C-50. Training of board members.**

21 (a) All members of local boards of education shall receive a minimum of 12 clock
22 hours of training each fiscal year for each full fiscal year of service or a prorated number of
23 hours for each partial year.

24 For a board member who has not previously served on a North Carolina board of education,
25 these hours shall include new board member training provided by the North Carolina School
26 Boards Association. These hours shall be completed between the date of the member's
27 appointment or election and the date member completes one year of service.

28 (b) The training shall include but not be limited to public school law, public school
29 finance, and duties and responsibilities of local boards of education. The training may be
30 provided by the North Carolina School Boards Association, the School of Government at the
31 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, or other qualified sources at the choice of the local
32 board of education. Training topics for which members may receive credit toward the 12 clock
33 hours required under this section shall be determined by the State Board of Education and the
34 North Carolina School Boards Association working cooperatively.

35 Board members shall report all creditable hours to the North Carolina School Boards
36 Association. The North Carolina School Boards Association shall provide to the State Board of
37 Education annually its record of training received by all members. If credit is denied for a



1 specific training, the board member may request a review of that dispute by an individual
2 designated by the State Board of Education and acting on behalf of the Board.

3 (c) For each hour of training that a board member fails to complete, the State Board of
4 Education may assess a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-457.2, the
5 clear proceeds of the fine shall be paid to the local school administrative unit on whose board
6 the member serves."

7 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2010. The remainder
8 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2009.