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SENATE BILL NO. 642

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HUDSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 162.203, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to training requirements for school board members.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 162.203, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 162.203,
3 to read as follows:

162.203. 1. Board members initially elected or
2 appointed under section 162.291, 162.459, 162.471, or
3 162.581 after August 28, 1993, in addition to the
4 qualifications prescribed in those sections, shall
5 successfully complete orientation and training requirements
6 within one year of the date of the election or appointment.
7 The orientation and training shall consist of at least
8 eighteen hours and thirty minutes with the cost of such
9 training to be paid by the district.

10 2. The orientation and training required under
11 subsection 1 of this section shall include two hours and
12 thirty minutes of training that provides up-to-date and
13 reliable information on identifying signs of sexual abuse in
14 children and danger signals of potentially abusive
15 relationships between children and adults. The training
16 shall emphasize how to establish an atmosphere of trust so
17 that students feel their school has concerned adults with
18 whom students can feel comfortable discussing matters

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 related to abuse. If, before August 28, 2019, a board
20 member completed the orientation and training requirements
21 of this section as they existed before August 28, 2019, the
22 board member shall not be required to complete any
23 additional training other than the refresher training
24 described in subsection 3 of this section.

25 3. Any school board member serving a term as of August
26 28, 2019, or elected or appointed after August 28, 2019,
27 shall complete at least one hour of refresher training each
28 year of any term in office; except that, the refresher
29 training shall not be required in the year in which the
30 member completes the initial orientation and training under
31 subsection 1 of this section. The refresher training shall
32 address concepts covered in the initial training including,
33 but not limited to, the prevention of sexual abuse of
34 children.

35 4. All programs providing the orientation and training
36 required under the provisions of this section shall be
37 offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit
38 of members of boards of education [or] **and** be approved by
39 the state board of education.

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