



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 573

December 18, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives POPE, HULSEY, HEBL, ZAMARRIPA, OHNSTAD, KESSLER and DANOU, cosponsored by Senators HARRIS, MILLER and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 17.03 (4m); *to amend* 119.04 (1); and *to*
2 *create* 17.03 (4m) (b) and 120.06 (16) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring
3 school board members to complete an orientation and training program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a school board member to complete a 16-hour orientation and training program within one year of initially taking office. The program must be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of school board members or be approved by the Department of Public Instruction. The school board must pay the cost of the program for its members.

The requirement first applies to school board members who take office in 2015. If a school board member fails to complete the requirement within one year, his or her seat on the school board is vacant.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 17.03 (4m) of the statutes is renumbered 17.03 (4m) (intro.) and
5 amended to read:

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1 17.03 (4m) (intro.) In the case of a school district office, ~~the~~ any of the following
2 occurs:

3 (a) The incumbent is absent from the district for a period exceeding 60 days.

4 **SECTION 2.** 17.03 (4m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 17.03 (4m) (b) The incumbent fails to complete the orientation and training
6 program required under s. 120.06 (16) within one year of initially taking office.

7 **SECTION 3.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, is
8 amended to read:

9 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
10 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
11 115.345, 115.363, 115.365 (3), 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.445, 118.001 to 118.04,
12 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125 to 118.14, 118.145
13 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19, 118.20,
14 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10), 118.245, 118.255, 118.258,
15 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.30 to 118.43, 118.46, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55,
16 118.56, 120.06 (16), 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), and (15) to (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2)
17 (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37), (37m), and (38), 120.14, 120.21 (3),
18 and 120.25 are applicable to a 1st class city school district and board.

19 **SECTION 4.** 120.06 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

20 120.06 (16) Within one year of initially taking office, each school board member
21 shall complete a 16-hour orientation and training program that is offered by a
22 statewide association organized for the benefit of school board members or that is
23 approved by the department. When a school board member completes the program,
24 the association or other person providing the program shall certify the completion

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1 to the appropriate school district clerk. The school board shall pay the cost of the
2 program for its members.

3 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to school board members who first take office in 2015.

5 (END)