

1 the time a school district elector files a notification and
2 declaration of candidacy for the office of school district board of
3 education membership or is appointed to be a member of a school
4 district board of education on or after January 1, 2014, the elector
5 shall agree and pledge in writing that, within fifteen (15) months
6 of election or appointment as a member of the district board of
7 education, the member will complete at least twelve (12) hours of
8 instruction on education issues, ~~including~~ in the following areas:
9 school finance, ~~Oklahoma education laws~~; legal issues, which
10 include but are not limited to employment, due process, new laws,
11 the Oklahoma Open Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; and
12 ~~ethics~~, duties and responsibilities, which include but are not
13 limited to special education and ethics, of district board of
14 education members. ~~This requirement~~ Each elector shall agree and
15 pledge in writing to complete at least one (1) hour of instruction
16 in school finance, one (1) hour of instruction in the Oklahoma Open
17 Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and one (1) hour of
18 instruction in ethics. The remaining hours may be satisfied by
19 attending a two-day workshop to be held within the state by the
20 State Department of Education, by the Oklahoma Department of Career
21 and Technology Education, or by attending workshops, seminars or
22 classes which address the above-mentioned subject matter, and which
23 are sponsored by any organization approved by the State Board of
24 Education, including but not limited to institutions of higher

1 education. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules by
2 which an organization or particular courses offered by an
3 organization may be approved for purposes of fulfilling the
4 instructional requirements set out in this section.

5 B. When an incumbent of a district board of education files a
6 notification and declaration of candidacy for reelection to the
7 district board of education, the member ~~shall not be required to~~
8 ~~comply with the provisions of subsection A of this section but shall~~
9 be required to agree and pledge in writing that upon reelection the
10 member will complete six (6) hours of instruction, within fifteen
11 (15) months of election, ~~emphasizing changes in school law,~~
12 ~~particularly changes in the areas~~ including one (1) hour of
13 instruction in school finance, one (1) hour of instruction in the
14 Oklahoma Open Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and one
15 (1) hour of instruction in ethics. The remaining hours may be
16 satisfied by attending a workshop, class or seminar addressing the
17 education issues set forth in subsection A of this section.

18 C. The State Department of Education shall, immediately after
19 the annual elections of various district board of education members,
20 determine the members of the district boards of education pledged to
21 complete the instructional requirements established in subsections A
22 and B of this section, and shall notify the members of the time and
23 place where workshops, classes and seminars are to be conducted.
24 Upon completion of the instructional requirements, the certificate

1 of completion shall be included in the public records of the school
2 board's minutes. Each school board member, except for an incumbent
3 member, shall be required within fifteen (15) months following or
4 preceding election to complete the workshop established by
5 subsection A of this section or to attend twelve (12) hours of other
6 state workshops, classes or seminars conducted as instruction on the
7 subjects of school finance, ~~the Oklahoma School Code and related~~
8 ~~laws~~ legal issues, and the ethics, duties and responsibilities of
9 district board of education members, including at least one (1) hour
10 of instruction in school finance, one (1) hour of instruction in the
11 Oklahoma Open Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and one
12 (1) hour of instruction in ethics.

13 D. If a school board member, including an incumbent member, has
14 not satisfied the instructional requirements as set forth in this
15 section within fifteen (15) months of election, reelection or
16 appointment, the district board of education shall declare the seat
17 of the member vacant and fill the vacancy according to law. A
18 school board member who is required to vacate a school board seat
19 pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to be reappointed or
20 to run for reelection to that respective board seat on the school
21 district board of education or to run for election to any other
22 board seat on the board of education for a three-year period for
23 three-member boards, for a four-year period for seven-member boards
24 or for a five-year period for five-member boards.

1 E. All government departments, agencies and institutions of
2 this state are directed to lend assistance as may be required by the
3 State Department of Education for the proper conduct and
4 administration of the workshops as authorized in subsection A of
5 this section. The State Department of Education shall maintain a
6 permanent record of each district board of education member who
7 successfully completes a workshop and shall issue a certificate of
8 completion to the member.

9 F. The State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department
10 of Career and Technology Education, and, upon approval of the State
11 Board of Education, any organization or association representing
12 district boards of education in this state are authorized to charge
13 persons pledged to attend a workshop, class or seminar for purposes
14 of meeting the instructional requirements of this section, a
15 registration fee sufficient to defray the estimated costs of
16 presenting the workshop, class or seminar and to collect the fees at
17 the time of registration.

18 G. Any member of a district board of education or any
19 individual elected, certified as the elected member by the county
20 election board, but not sworn in and seated as a member of a
21 district board of education at the time of a workshop, class or
22 seminar presented by the State Board of Education, the Oklahoma
23 Department of Career and Technology Education, or an organization or
24 association representing district boards of education within the

1 state who attends and successfully completes a workshop, class or
2 seminar as required by subsection A or B of this section shall be
3 reimbursed by the school district in accordance with the travel
4 reimbursement policy of the district.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03/26/2013
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