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3 By Senators Melson and Marsh  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to boards of trustees of public four-year  
12 statutorily created institutions of higher education and the  
13 Alabama Commission on Higher Education; to require each newly  
14 appointed or elected trustee or commissioner to complete eight  
15 hours of professional development during the first two years  
16 of service.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. (a) Each newly appointed or elected  
19 member of a board of trustees of a public four-year  
20 statutorily created institution of higher education and  
21 commissioner of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education  
22 shall complete eight hours of professional development within  
23 the first two years after appointment or election.

24 (b) The purpose of the professional development is  
25 to instill an understanding of the roles and responsibilities  
26 of college and university trustees and commissioners, as  
27 provided by state law and prescribed by the Southern

1 Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.  
2 Topics in the professional development shall include, but not  
3 be limited to, institutional finance, student success, and  
4 institutional compliance activities including institutional  
5 and programmatic accreditation.

6 (c) One hour of professional development shall  
7 include instruction on the state ethics law as it relates to  
8 service as a trustee or commissioner.

9 (d) The Alabama Commission on Higher Education, by  
10 rule, shall develop general parameters for professional  
11 development training which may include, but shall not be  
12 limited to, participation in national trustee conferences;  
13 commission sponsored training; specific institutional college,  
14 university, or system training; and training provided by the  
15 State Ethics Commission.

16 (e) The Alabama Commission on Higher Education shall  
17 annually offer one professional development opportunity within  
18 the state for trustees and commissioners.

19 (f) Each public four-year statutorily created  
20 institution of higher education in the state shall annually  
21 report, and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education shall  
22 compile into a report, all of the following information:

23 (1) The number of professional development hours  
24 completed by each new trustee and commissioner during the  
25 immediately preceding year and the total number of  
26 professional development hours completed since commencing  
27 service on the board or commission.

1                   (2) A summary of the professional development topics  
2 covered and hours completed for each topic.

3                   (g) A summary of the annual reports on trustee and  
4 commissioner professional development shall be posted on the  
5 website of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

6                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
7 first day of the third month following its passage and  
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 29  
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Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.