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- 5 Polizos, Coleman-Evans, Drummond, Warren, Forte, Williams
- 6 (JW), Boyd, Melton, Beckman, Baker, Lawrence, Wadsworth,
- 7 McClammy, Knight, Beech, McCampbell, Standridge, Alexander,
- 8 Tuggle, Sessions, Givan, Rogers, Moore (M), Hurst, Johnson
- 9 (R), Millican, Scott, Whorton (I), Williams (P), Hill (J),
- Davis, Nordgren, Wilcox, Hanes, Butler, Harbison, Henry, Hall,
- 11 Treadaway, Farley, Daniels, Ledbetter, Whorton (R), Patterson,
- Ball, Pettus, Fridy, Rowe, McCutcheon, Johnson (K), Wood,
- Faust, Sanderford, Greer and Mooney
- 14 RFD: Education Policy
- First Read: 19-MAR-15

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	Relating to institutions of higher education; to
9	require currently serving and future members of governing
10	boards to complete mandatory state ethics law training; and to
11	provide for the adoption by each board of an ethics compliance
12	form to be completed annually by board members.
13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
14	Section 1. (a) Each institution of higher education
15	within the State of Alabama that is governed by a board of
16	trustees or a board of directors and that receives state
17	appropriations or receives on behalf of and to the credit of
18	students benefiting from state-funded awards and grants,
19	either directly or indirectly, shall require board members to
20	complete ethics training. The training required by this
21	subsection shall be administered approved by the Alabama
22	Ethics Commission. Board members must either attend a training

(b) The training required by this section shall be completed by board members serving on the effective date of

program offered approved by the commission or participate in

an online educational review of the Alabama Ethics Law

provided on the official website of the commission.

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this section within six months after the effective date of this section and within 120 days after appointment for any person appointed to serve thereafter.

- (c) (1) By June 1, 2016, unless otherwise established, each board shall consider a code of ethics resolution that provides for the development of an ethics compliance form. The form shall be completed annually by then current and future board members and shall include, but not be limited to, the disclosure of all of the following:
- a. Business or <u>non-privileged</u> professional relationships with other individual board members or any entity affiliated with a board member, to the extent known.
- b. The nature of all $\underline{substantial}$ contractual, employment, and personal or familial financial interests in the institution.
- c. A statement of intent to comply with respective governing board standards and other core principles and requirements of the accrediting agency.
- (2) The ethics compliance form shall be signed, notarized, and sealed by a notary public of the State of Alabama or a notary public of the state in which the board member resides. and attested to, by the board member as true to the best of his/her knowledge. Said signature may be electronic.
- (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that constitutionally created boards of trustees comply with the requirements of this section.

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

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Education Policy
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar with 1 substitute and 1 amendment
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13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended 28-MAY-15
15	Yeas 96, Nays 1, Abstains 0
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