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- 3 By Senator Kelley
- 4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
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9	Relating to occupational licensing boards; to require
10	members of boards and commissions that are subject to the
11	Alabama Sunset Law to complete a board governance course.
12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
13	Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
14	term "board member" means any member of any department,
15	council, board, commission, division, bureau, or other entity
16	subject to the Alabama Sunset Law of 1981, Chapter 20 of Title
17	41, Code of Alabama 1975. The term does not include any
18	cabinet member or statewide elected official.
19	(b) All board members serving on October 1, 2025, shall
20	complete the board governance course provided for in
21	subsection (c) on or before March 1, 2026. Any board member
22	who begins a term of office after October 1, 2025, shall
23	complete the board governance course provided for in
24	subsection (c) within 150 days after beginning each term of
25	office.
26	(c) The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
27	shall provide a board governance course of not less than five
28	hours to all board members. The course's curriculum shall be

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- 29 determined by the Chief Examiner of Public Accounts in
- 30 consultation with the Attorney General and shall include, but
- 31 not be limited to, all of the following topics as they relate
- 32 to board membership:

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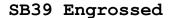
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- 33 (1) The Alabama Open Meetings Act.
- 34 (2) The role of the Contract Review Permanent
 35 Legislative Oversight Committee.
- 36 (3) Travel, compensation, and per diem.
- 37 (4) Reoccurring significant issues determined by the
 38 Department of Examiners of Public Accounts during audits and
 39 reviews conducted pursuant to Section 41-20-9, Code of Alabama
 40 1975.
- 41 (5) General operating procedures and best practices to 42 ensure the effective discharge of the duties of board members 43 in keeping with the highest standards of stewardship and 44 principles of public service.
 - (d) The board governance course shall be available online and may be conducted online or in person. Evidence of each board member's completion of the course shall be recorded and maintained by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.
 - (e) At the conclusion of the board governance course, each participating board member shall sign a form developed and provided by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts affirming all of the following principles:
- (1) That each decision, action, and vote taken or made as a board member shall be based solely on the needs and interests served by the entity and the general welfare of the

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- 57 public.
- 58 (2) That no decision, action, or vote shall be taken or 59 made to serve or promote the personal, political, or pecuniary
- interests of a board member.
- 61 (3) That the views of all board members of the entity
- shall be considered before making a decision or taking an
- 63 action on any measure or proposal before the entity.
- 64 (4) That no individual or joint attempt to direct or
- 65 corrupt the operations of the entity in a manner that is
- 66 inconsistent with the discharge of the statutory functions and
- 67 responsibilities of the entity shall be made.
- (5) That all meetings of the entity shall be attended
- 69 unless good cause is shown.
- 70 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
- 71 1, 2025.





72 73 74 Senate 75 Read for the first time and referred04-Feb-25 76 to the Senate committee on County and Municipal Government 77 78 79 Read for the second time and placed11-Feb-25 on the calendar: 80 0 amendments 81 82 83 84 as amended Yeas 31 85 Nays 0 86 Abstains 0 87 88 89 90 Patrick Harris, 91 Secretary.

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