

SB104 ENGROSSED



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3 By Senators Kelley, Albritton, Sessions, Allen, Orr

4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

9 Relating to boards and commissions; to require members
10 of boards and commissions that are subject to the Alabama
11 Sunset Law to complete a board governance course.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 (b) All board members serving on October 1, 2026, shall
21 complete the board governance course provided for in
22 subsection (c) on or before March 1, 2027. Any board member
23 who begins a term of office after October 1, 2026, shall
24 complete the board governance course within 150 days after
25 beginning each term of 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



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:

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.

45 (d) The board governance course shall be available
46 online and may be conducted online or in person. Evidence of
47 each board member's completion of the course shall be recorded
48 and maintained by the Department of Examiners of Public
49 Accounts.

50 (e) At the conclusion of the board governance course,
51 each participating board member shall sign a form developed
52 and provided by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
53 affirming all of the following principles:

54 (1) That each decision, action, and vote taken or made
55 as a board member shall be based solely on the needs and
56 interests served by the entity and the general welfare of the



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
60 interests of a board member.

61 (3) That the views of all board members of the entity
62 shall be considered before making a decision or taking an
63 action on any measure or proposal before the entity.

64 (4) That the board member shall not make, individually
65 or jointly, any attempt to direct or corrupt the operations of
66 the entity in a manner that is inconsistent with the discharge
67 of the statutory functions and responsibilities of the entity.

68 (5) That the board member shall attend all meetings of
69 the entity unless good cause is shown.

70 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
71 1, 2026.



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77 Responsibility and Economic
78 Development

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87 Nays 0
88 Abstains 0

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91 Patrick Harris,
92 Secretary.
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