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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would require members of agencies that
6 are subject to the Alabama Sunset Law to complete a
7 board governance course provided by the Department of
8 Examiners of Public Accounts.

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11 A BILL

12 TO BE ENTITLED

13 AN ACT

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15 Relating to boards and commissions; to require members
16 of boards and commissions that are subject to the Alabama
17 Sunset Law to complete a board governance course.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
20 term "board member" means any member of any department,
21 council, board, commission, division, bureau, or other entity
22 subject to the Alabama Sunset Law of 1981, Chapter 20 of Title
23 41, Code of Alabama 1975. The term does not include any
24 cabinet member or statewide elected official.

25 (b) All board members serving on October 1, 2026, shall
26 complete the board governance course provided for in
27 subsection (c) on or before March 1, 2027. Any board member
28 who begins a term of office after October 1, 2026, shall



29 complete the board governance course within 150 days after
30 beginning each term of office.

31 (c) The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
32 shall provide a board governance course of not less than five
33 hours to all board members. The course's curriculum shall be
34 determined by the Chief Examiner of Public Accounts in
35 consultation with the Attorney General and shall include, but
36 not be limited to, all of the following topics as they relate
37 to board membership:

38 (1) The Alabama Open Meetings Act.

39 (2) The role of the Contract Review Permanent
40 Legislative Oversight Committee.

41 (3) Travel, compensation, and per diem.

42 (4) Reoccurring significant issues determined by the
43 Department of Examiners of Public Accounts during audits and
44 reviews conducted pursuant to Section 41-20-9, Code of Alabama
45 1975.

46 (5) General operating procedures and best practices to
47 ensure the effective discharge of the duties of board members
48 in keeping with the highest standards of stewardship and
49 principles of public service.

50 (d) The board governance course shall be available
51 online and may be conducted online or in person. Evidence of
52 each board member's completion of the course shall be recorded
53 and maintained by the Department of Examiners of Public
54 Accounts.

55 (e) At the conclusion of the board governance course,
56 each participating board member shall sign a form developed

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57 and provided by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
58 affirming all of the following principles:

59 (1) That each decision, action, and vote taken or made
60 as a board member shall be based solely on the needs and
61 interests served by the entity and the general welfare of the
62 public.

63 (2) That no decision, action, or vote shall be taken or
64 made to serve or promote the personal, political, or pecuniary
65 interests of a board member.

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

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

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

75 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
76 1, 2026.