

1 AN ACT relating to financial training requirements for local boards of education.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 160.180 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section, "relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband,
5 wife, son, and daughter.

6 (2) A person shall only be eligible for membership on a board of education if the
7 person:

8 (a) Has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years;

9 (b) Has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) years preceding the
10 election and is a voter of the district for which he or she is elected;

11 (c) Has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a High School
12 Equivalency Diploma, as evidenced by:

13 1. An affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the
14 twelfth grade or the equivalent that has been filed with the nominating
15 petition required by KRS 118.315; or

16 2. A transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or the results of
17 a twelfth grade equivalency examination that has been filed with the
18 nominating petition required by KRS 118.315;

19 (d) Does not hold any elective federal, state, county, or city office;

20 (e) Is not, at the time of his or her election, directly or indirectly interested in the
21 sale to the board of books, stationery, or any other property, materials,
22 supplies, equipment, or services for which school funds are expended;

23 (f) Has not been removed from membership on a board of education for cause;
24 and

25 (g) Does not have a relative employed by the school district, in the case of a
26 person elected after July 13, 1990. This shall not apply to a board member
27 holding office on July 13, 1990, whose relative was not initially hired by the

1 district during the tenure of the board member.

2 (3) (a) A member of a board of education shall be subject to removal from office
3 pursuant to KRS 415.050 and 415.060 if, after the election the member:

4 1. Becomes interested in any contract with or claims against the board, of
5 the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(e) of this section;

6 2. Moves his or her residence from the division for which he or she was
7 chosen;

8 3. Attempts to influence the employment of any school employee, except
9 the superintendent or school board attorney;

10 4. Is convicted of a felony;

11 5. Performs acts of malfeasance in performance of duties prescribed by
12 law;

13 6. Willfully misuses, converts, or misappropriates public property or funds;
14 or

15 7. Does anything that would render the member ineligible for reelection.

16 (b) In accordance with KRS 7.410, the Office of Education Accountability shall
17 have the duty and responsibility to investigate current local board of education
18 members for allegations of conduct prohibited by paragraph (a) of this
19 subsection. After review and investigation, the Office of Education
20 Accountability shall refer appropriate matters to the Attorney General.

21 (4) A member of a board of education shall be eligible for reelection unless he or she
22 becomes disqualified.

23 (5) The annual in-service training requirements for all members of boards of education
24 in office as of December 31, 2014, shall be as follows:

25 (a) Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to three (3) years of experience;

26 (b) Eight (8) hours for members with four (4) to seven (7) years of experience;

27 and

1 (c) Four (4) hours for members with eight (8) or more years of experience.

2 The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify the criteria for fulfilling this
3 requirement.

4 (6) (a) For all members of boards of education who begin their initial service on or
5 after January 1, 2015, the in-service training requirements shall be:

6 1. Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to eight (8) years of
7 experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:

8 a. One (1) hour of ethics training each year; and

9 b. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training within
10 the first twelve (12) months of initial service and at least once
11 every four (4) years thereafter; and

12 2. Eight (8) hours for members with more than eight (8) years of
13 experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:

14 a. One (1) hour of ethics training each year; and

15 b. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training at least
16 once every four (4) years.

17 (b) Training topics for members under this subsection with less than two (2) years
18 of consecutive service shall include ~~three (3) hours of finance and~~ one (1)
19 hour of superintendent evaluation within the first two (2) years of service. The
20 Kentucky Board of Education shall identify criteria for fulfilling this
21 requirement.

22 (7) For all members of boards of education, the in-service training requirements
23 shall include six (6) hours of finance every two (2) years of service.