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SYNOPSIS

Requires each local board of health to meet quarterly, complete certain training, conduct certain information sessions and authorizes creation of Advisory Boards of Health.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning local boards of health and municipalities and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section, "local board of health" shall mean
8 a county or municipal board of health.

9 b. Each local board of health shall be required to:

10 (1) meet at least once per quarter; and

11 (2) have each member of the local board of health complete a
12 Certified Local Board of Health Member training course within 4
13 months of the member's appointment.

14 b. Each local board of health shall conduct an annual
15 information session open to the public, which session shall be
16 conducted by an official of the local board of health and shall
17 include information on the following:

18 (1) an update on the local board of health's activities for the
19 previous and coming year;

20 (2) health trends and needs within the community of the local
21 board of health; and

22 (3) current and future policies and programs being implemented
23 or planned by the local board of health.

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25 2. Each municipality may create an Advisory Board of Health,
26 which shall have such membership and powers as the municipality
27 shall determine based on guidance contained in Annex A of the
28 current Orientation Manual for Local Boards of Health or any
29 successor guidance.

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31 3. The Commissioner of Health may adopt rules and regulations,
32 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
33 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to implement the
34 provisions of this act.

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36 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires each local board of health to meet at least once
42 per quarter and to have each member of the local board of health
43 complete a Certified Local Board of Health Member training course
44 within 4 months of the member's appointment. The bill defines a
45 "local board of health" to mean a county or municipal board of
46 health.

47 The bill requires each local board of health to conduct an annual
48 information session open to the public, which session will be

1 conducted by an official of the local board of health and shall
2 include information on the following:
3 (1) an update on the local board of health's activities for the
4 coming year;
5 (2) health trends and needs within the community of the local
6 board of health; and
7 (3) current and future policies and programs being implemented
8 or planned by the local board of health.
9 The bill authorizes each municipality to create an Advisory
10 Board of Health, which will have such membership and powers as
11 the municipality will determine based on guidance contained in
12 Annex A of the current Orientation Manual for Local Boards of
13 Health or any successor guidance.