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1 AN ACT concerning study courses required of local housing authority
2 and municipal redevelopment agency members, ¹[and]¹ amending
3 P.L.1992, c.79 ¹and making an appropriation¹.

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

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8 ¹[1. Section 45 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-45) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 45. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall prescribe and
11 enforce standards for the curriculum and administration of a course of
12 study as he deems appropriate, the object of which shall be to assist
13 members and executive directors of local housing authorities and
14 municipal redevelopment agencies to acquire the knowledge and skills
15 necessary to oversee and administer the operations of such authorities
16 or agencies in accordance with current law and in the best interests of
17 the citizens served by such authorities. The commissioner shall adopt
18 the standards by administrative rule, pursuant to the provisions of the
19 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
20 seq.).

21 The course shall consist of instruction in the principles of housing
22 and redevelopment, which may include, but not be limited to,
23 construction management and code compliance, financial management
24 and public administration, and such other topics as the commissioner
25 may deem appropriate. The commissioner shall, to the greatest extent
26 possible, cooperate with organizations of housing authority
27 representatives and redevelopment agency representatives, and shall
28 consult with Rutgers, The State University, and other educational
29 institutions in establishing the standards for the curriculum and
30 administration of the course of study, as provided above. The
31 commissioner shall include as part of the prescribed course of study a

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AHO committee amendments adopted January 23, 1997.

1 home-study option for members of an authority or agency.
2 (cf: P.L.1992, c.79, s.45)]¹

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4 ¹[2.] 1.¹ Section 46 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-46) is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 46. a. Any person serving as a member of a housing authority or
7 a redevelopment agency on or after the effective date of the rules
8 adopted pursuant to section 45 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-45)
9 shall satisfactorily complete the course of study prescribed by the
10 commissioner within ¹[one year] eighteen months¹ following the date
11 of appointment or [the effective date of the rules] July 1, ¹[1998]
12 1997¹, whichever is later, or shall be deemed to have resigned his
13 position effective at the end of that period of time.

14 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person serving as
15 a member of a housing authority or redevelopment agency on the
16 effective date of the rules adopted pursuant to section 45 of ¹[this act]
17 P.L.1992, c.79¹ may continue to serve to the end of his appointed term
18 even if the remaining period in that term exceeds ¹[one year] eighteen
19 months¹ and the member does not satisfactorily complete the
20 prescribed course of study within that time. However, such a member
21 shall not be eligible for reappointment to membership on the housing
22 authority or redevelopment agency ¹until a period of five years has
23 elapsed following the completion of the member's term¹.

24 b. Any person serving as the executive director of a housing
25 authority or redevelopment agency on or after the effective date of the
26 rules adopted pursuant to section 45 of P.L.1992, c.79
27 (C.40A:12A-45) shall satisfactorily complete the course of study
28 prescribed by the commissioner within two years after the effective
29 date of the rules or the effective date of his appointment, whichever is
30 later, or shall be deemed to have resigned his position effective at the
31 end of that period of time.

32 ¹c. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, regulation, or this
33 section to the contrary, any person deemed to have resigned his
34 position pursuant to subsections a. or b. of this section and who has
35 been replaced by another appointee shall have no claim to the
36 appointment.¹

37 (cf: P.L.1992, c.79, s46)

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39 ¹2. Section 48 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-48) is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 48. The commissioner may waive the course requirements set forth
42 in sections 46 and 47 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-46 and
43 40A:12A-47) for any person whom the commissioner determines to be
44 qualified to serve as a member or executive director of a housing
45 authority or redevelopment agency by reason of adequate and
46 equivalent training or professional experience, or a combination

1 thereof. The commissioner may extend credit toward completion of
2 the course requirements for equivalent or nearly equivalent courses
3 completed by an individual under the sponsorship of a professional
4 organization.

5 The commissioner may accept as fulfilling the course requirements
6 set forth in sections 46 and 47 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-46 and
7 47) any course prescribed therein and taken by an individual at that
8 individual's own expense at a time when the individual was not serving
9 as a member or executive director of a housing authority or
10 redevelopment agency.¹

11 (cf: P.L.1992, c.79, s.48)

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13 ¹3. (New section) There is appropriated to the Department of
14 Community Affairs from the General Fund the sum of \$90,000 to
15 assist local housing authorities in the payment of the costs of the
16 course of study.¹

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18 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately ¹and shall be
19 retroactive to June 5, 1995¹.

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24 Changes curriculum study options and completion deadlines for
25 housing authority and redevelopment agency members; appropriates
26 \$90,000.