

SENATE, No. 1268

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators O'CONNOR, BENNETT, Sacco and McGreevey

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

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

**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.

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

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

11       Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person serving as  
12 a member of a housing authority or redevelopment agency on the  
13 effective date of the rules adopted pursuant to section 45 of this act  
14 may continue to serve to the end of his appointed term even if the  
15 remaining period in that term exceeds one year and the member does  
16 not satisfactorily complete the prescribed course of study within that  
17 time. However, such a member shall not be eligible for reappointment  
18 to membership on the housing authority or redevelopment agency.

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

27 (cf: P.L.1992, c.79, s.46)

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29       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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### STATEMENT

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34       This bill would amend the "Local Redevelopment and Housing  
35 Law," P.L.1992, c.79, to change the date by which members of  
36 housing authorities and redevelopment agencies must have completed  
37 the course of study required by the law, and to add a home-study  
38 option as part of the required course of study under the law.

39       Current law requires that a member complete the course of study  
40 prescribed by the commissioner within one year following the date of  
41 appointment or the effective date of the rules, whichever is later. The  
42 effective date of the rules is June 5, 1995 (N.J.A.C.5:16).

43       This bill would allow an individual to complete the curriculum by  
44 July 1, 1998 or within one year following the date of appointment,

1 whichever is later. Additionally, the bill would require the  
2 commissioner to prescribe a home-study option as part of the required  
3 course of study for members.

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8 Changes curriculum study options and completion deadlines for  
9 housing authority and redevelopment agency members.