

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 347

2 INTRODUCED BY V. COURT

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REQUIREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL
5 INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS; ESTABLISHING
6 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD OF INVESTMENT MEMBERS; AND AMENDING
7 SECTION 2-15-1808, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-1808, MCA, is amended to read:
12 **"2-15-1808. Board of investments -- allocation -- composition -- qualifications -- continuing**
13 **education -- quasi-judicial.** (1) There is a board of investments within the department of commerce.

14 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the board is allocated to the department for
15 administrative purposes as prescribed in 2-15-121. The board may employ a chief investment officer and an
16 executive director who have general responsibility for selection and management of the board's staff and for direct
17 investment and economic development activities. The board shall prescribe the duties and annual salaries of the
18 chief investment officer, executive director, and six professional staff positions. The chief investment officer,
19 executive director, and six professional staff serve at the pleasure of the board.

20 (3) The board is composed of nine members appointed by the governor, as prescribed in 2-15-124, and
21 two ex officio, nonvoting members. The members are:

22 (a) one member from the public employees' retirement board, provided for in 2-15-1009, and one
23 member from the teachers' retirement board provided for in 2-15-1010. If either member of the respective
24 retirement boards ceases to be a member of the retirement board, the position of that member on the board of
25 investments is vacant, and the governor shall fill the vacancy in accordance with 2-15-124.

26 (b) seven members who will provide a balance of professional expertise and public interest and
27 accountability, who are informed and experienced in the subject of investments, and who are representatives of:

- 28 (i) the financial community;
29 (ii) small business;
30 (iii) agriculture; and

1 (iv) labor; and
2 (c) two ex officio, nonvoting legislative liaisons to the board, of which one must be a senator appointed
3 by the president of the senate and one must be a representative appointed by the speaker of the house. The
4 liaisons may not be from the same political party. Preference in appointments is to be given to legislators who
5 have a background in investments or finance. The legislative liaisons shall serve from appointment through each
6 even-numbered calendar year and may attend all board meetings. Legislative liaisons appointed pursuant to this
7 subsection (3)(c) are entitled to compensation and expenses, as provided in 5-2-302, to be paid by the legislative
8 council.

9 (4) At least three of the nine members must each have at least 10 years of professional investment
10 experience as an investment professional.

11 (5) (a) Each member of the board and the legislative liaisons to the board shall attend an orientation to
12 be provided by the board's staff that, at a minimum, educates the member about:

13 (i) program governance;

14 (ii) the board's fiduciary duty and actuarial policies; and

15 (iii) the retirement systems and plans provided for in Title 19.

16 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5)(c), each board member shall annually participate in a
17 minimum of 8 hours of flexible, cost-effective, and geographically accessible basic or continuing education that
18 functions to ensure that each member attains an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of:

19 (i) best practices in:

20 (A) the monitoring of investment pools and accounts, the composition of asset class, and investment
21 managers; and

22 (B) investment strategy; and

23 (ii) key institutional investment management concepts, including:

24 (A) portfolio management theory and strategies;

25 (B) asset class attributes and investment strategies; and

26 (C) financial performance evaluation concepts.

27 (c) The presiding officer of the board may waive the continuing education requirement under subsection
28 (2)(b) for a member who is registered or affiliated with the United States securities and exchange commission,
29 the financial industry regulatory authority, or the Montana securities commissioner or for a member who maintains
30 a similar, relevant investment professional certification or credential if the member satisfies the continuing

1 education requirements necessary to retain the member's registration or credentials.

2 (~~4~~)(6) The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board for the purposes of 2-15-124."

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