

ACT 705

The 2010 Legislature passed a new act mandating School Board Member training which replaces ACT 380. This new ACT, **ACT 705**, goes into effect on January 1, 2011. It retains most of the elements of old ACT 380 with the following changes:

- Now all School Board Members will be required to receive **SIX** (6) hours of Continuing Education annually. (The old ACT required only four (4) hours).
- A designation of “Distinguished School Board Member” will be awarded by the Louisiana Department of Education to any member who **(1)** receives **SIXTEEN** hours of training his first year of service to the Board (including incumbents during their first year of being re-elected) and **(2)** completes the **SIX** hours of annual training for each of the subsequent three years of his term.
- At least annually, the Superintendent of each Board shall transmit to the Board’s official journal newspaper a press release detailing the progress of each board member as posted on the LSBA Website and, in particular, denoting any member who has been designated a “Distinguished Board Member”.
- In addition to the four institutions allowed to bestow the Continuing Education credit (LSBA, DOE, State Universities, and local Boards), credit may be obtained at any sessions offered by the National School Boards Association (NSBA) provided proper documentation is provided to the LSBA for recordation.

Enclosed is a new packet of forms for filing hours of credit for Board Members under **ACT 705**. If you have additional questions, please contact Lloyd Dressel at ldressel@lsba.com or Marlin Daniels at mdaniels@lsba.com or call 225-769-3191. Have a good and productive school year.