## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair 2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 640 (Muratsuchi) - Local educational agencies: governance training

**Version:** June 30, 2025 **Policy Vote:** ED. 7 - 0

Urgency: No Mandate: Yes

**Hearing Date:** August 29, 2025 **Consultant:** Lenin Del Castillo

**Bill Summary:** This bill requires school board members to be trained on K-12 public education governance laws by January 1, 2027, and at least once during their tenure serving as a local educational agency (LEA) official.

## \*\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM - SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

## **Fiscal Impact:**

- This bill could result in additional Proposition 98 General Fund costs, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, for LEAs to provide training to their governing board members once in their tenure. However, a precise amount would depend on the number of board members that receive the training each year and how LEAs elect to provide the training. The bill's costs could be less to the extent that governing board members have longer tenures, resulting in less frequent training, and if the training is offered online which would be less expensive. The bill's requirements could be deemed to be a reimbursable state mandate.
- The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) and indicates that
  the costs to develop the curriculum would be minor and absorbable as these
  activities are aligned with its mission and are already resourced for this scope of
  work. However, the bill is silent as to whether FCMAT and CCEE are eligible to
  charge a fee to participants should they deliver the training to board members.
- Any costs to the California Department of Education (CDE) are likely to be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

**Author Amendments:** Remove the requirement for school board members to be trained on public school accountability laws and clarify that FCMAT may charge a fee to participating LEAs for providing the training on school finance laws.