

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 4661  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;  
 1-4 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Jurisprudence; May 22, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;  
 1-7 May 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4661 By: Huffman

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to required sexual harassment prevention training for  
 1-19 members of the legislature and lobbyists.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 305.005(f), Government Code, is amended  
 1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (f) The registration must be written and verified and must  
 1-24 contain:

1-25 (1) the registrant's full name and address;  
 1-26 (2) the registrant's normal business, business phone  
 1-27 number, and business address;

1-28 (3) the full name and address of each person:

1-29 (A) who reimburses, retains, or employs the  
 1-30 registrant to communicate directly with a member of the legislative  
 1-31 or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative  
 1-32 action; and

1-33 (B) on whose behalf the registrant has  
 1-34 communicated directly with a member of the legislative or executive  
 1-35 branch to influence legislation or administrative action;

1-36 (4) the subject matter of the legislation or of the  
 1-37 administrative action that is the subject of the registrant's  
 1-38 direct communication with a member of the legislative or executive  
 1-39 branch and, if applicable, the docket number or other  
 1-40 administrative designation of the administrative action;

1-41 (5) for each person employed or retained by the  
 1-42 registrant for the purpose of assisting in direct communication  
 1-43 with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence  
 1-44 legislation or administrative action:

1-45 (A) the full name, business address, and  
 1-46 occupation of the person; and

1-47 (B) the subject matter of the legislation or of  
 1-48 the administrative action to which the person's activities  
 1-49 reportable under this section were related and, if applicable, the  
 1-50 docket number or other administrative designation of the  
 1-51 administrative action; ~~and~~

1-52 (6) the amount of compensation or reimbursement paid  
 1-53 by each person who reimburses, retains, or employs the registrant  
 1-54 for the purpose of communicating directly with a member of the  
 1-55 legislative or executive branch or on whose behalf the registrant  
 1-56 communicates directly with a member of the legislative or executive  
 1-57 branch; and

1-58 (7) a certificate evidencing completion of a sexual  
 1-59 harassment prevention training course in the previous two years, as  
 1-60 required by Section 572.102.

2-1 SECTION 2. Chapter 572, Government Code, is amended by  
2-2 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

2-3 SUBCHAPTER D. SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

2-4 Sec. 572.101. SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING  
2-5 REQUIRED FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. Each member of the  
2-6 legislature or individual elected to the legislature shall:

2-7 (1) complete the sexual harassment prevention  
2-8 training program approved by the committee on administration for  
2-9 the house in which the member serves or will serve not later than  
2-10 the 90th day after each uniform election date in November of an  
2-11 even-numbered year; and

2-12 (2) file a certificate of completion of the program  
2-13 with the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house of  
2-14 representatives, as applicable.

2-15 Sec. 572.102. SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING  
2-16 REQUIRED FOR LOBBYISTS. (a) Each individual required to register  
2-17 under Chapter 305 shall attend a sexual harassment prevention  
2-18 training course every two years, as approved by the commission, and  
2-19 shall submit to the commission a certificate of completion of the  
2-20 course.

2-21 (b) The certificate of completion must be in a form approved  
2-22 by the commission.

2-23 (c) The commission shall adopt rules as necessary to  
2-24 implement this section.

2-25 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than September 1, 2021, the Texas  
2-26 Ethics Commission shall approve at least one sexual harassment  
2-27 prevention training course for purposes of Section 572.102,  
2-28 Government Code, as added by this Act.

2-29 (b) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas Ethics  
2-30 Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section 572.102,  
2-31 Government Code, as added by this Act.

2-32 (c) Section 305.005, Government Code, as amended by this  
2-33 Act, applies only to a registration required to be filed under that  
2-34 section on or after January 1, 2022.

2-35 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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