

By: Jones of Dallas

H.B. No. 2459

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2459:

By: Allen of Harris

C.S.H.B. No. 2459

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of homeland security training
3 programs for older persons by the Department of Aging and
4 Disability Services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 161, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 161.074 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 161.074. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAMS. (a) In
9 this section, "older person" means a person who is 60 years of age
10 or older.

11 (b) After notifying the office of the governor in accordance
12 with Section 421.072(b), Government Code, the department, with the
13 assistance of the Department of Public Safety, shall apply for
14 federal funding available to provide homeland security training for
15 older persons.

16 (c) If the department receives a federal grant for homeland
17 security training for older persons, the department, with the
18 assistance of the Department of Public Safety, shall:

19 (1) establish and operate a program to provide older
20 persons with training on homeland security issues that affect their
21 safety and well-being; and

22 (2) seek assistance from appropriate state agencies,
23 local governments, or other organizations in administering the
24 training.

1 (d) Training provided by the department under this section
2 must be consistent with the governor's homeland security strategy
3 developed under Chapter 421, Government Code, and must educate
4 older persons about related programs and resources that are
5 available to provide additional assistance, such as family safety
6 plans, emergency management resources for persons with
7 disabilities, and bioterrorism disaster preparedness resources.

8 SECTION 2. Unless otherwise instructed by the office of the
9 governor, not later than January 1, 2006, the Department of Aging
10 and Disability Services shall:

11 (1) apply for federal funding available for homeland
12 security training of older persons as required by Section 161.074,
13 Human Resources Code, as added by this Act; and

14 (2) develop procedures to administer a homeland
15 security training program for older persons in accordance with that
16 section.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.