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H.B. No. 2459

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 101, Human Resources Code,  
7 is amended by adding Section 101.035 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 101.035. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAMS. (a)  
9 After notifying the office of the governor in accordance with  
10 Section 421.072(b), Government Code, the department, with the  
11 assistance of the Department of Public Safety, shall apply for  
12 federal funding available to provide homeland security training for  
13 older adults.

14 (b) If the department receives a federal grant for homeland  
15 security training of older adults, the department, with the  
16 assistance of the Department of Public Safety, shall:

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

20 (2) seek the cooperation of area agencies on aging to  
21 assist with the administration of the training.

22 (c) Training provided by the department under this section  
23 must be consistent with the governor's homeland security strategy  
24 developed under Chapter 421, Government Code, and must educate

1 older adults about relevant programs and resources that are  
2 available to provide additional assistance, such as family safety  
3 plans, emergency management resources for persons with  
4 disabilities, and bioterrorism disaster preparedness resources.

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

8 (1) apply for federal funding available for homeland  
9 security training of older adults as required by Section 101.035,  
10 Human Resources Code, as added by this Act; and

11 (2) develop procedures to administer a homeland  
12 security training program for older adults in accordance with that  
13 section.

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