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H.B. No. 3340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the designation, functions, accreditation, and
3 continuing education of floodplain administrators; adding
4 provisions subject to a civil or criminal penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 16, Water Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 16.3151 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 16.3151. FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATORS: DESIGNATION,
9 FUNCTIONS, ACCREDITATION, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) The
10 governing body of each city and county shall designate a floodplain
11 administrator to administer and implement laws and regulations
12 relating to the management of floodplains.

13 (b) A floodplain administrator must be accredited by the
14 board.

15 (c) The board by rule shall establish accreditation
16 standards for floodplain administrators. In establishing
17 accreditation standards, the board shall consider the knowledge,
18 experiences, skills, and training necessary to prevent or minimize
19 flood hazards and losses. Accreditation standards may require:

20 (1) passage of an examination;

21 (2) completion of approved training; or

22 (3) certification by a nationally recognized
23 floodplain management organization.

24 (d) The board by rule shall establish requirements for

1 mandatory continuing education or training for accredited
2 floodplain administrators. Rules adopted under this subsection
3 must require a floodplain administrator to complete not less than
4 six hours of continuing education or training each year.

5 (e) The board may adopt rules necessary to implement and
6 enforce this section.

7 SECTION 2. Section 16.3161(c), Water Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (c) The board may use the account to:

10 (1) fund the performance of the board's functions
11 under Section 16.316; and

12 (2) reimburse cities and counties for the costs
13 incurred in complying with the accreditation and continuing
14 education or training requirements for floodplain administrators
15 established by the board under Section 16.3151.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.