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By:  Harless, Davis of Harris, H.B. No. 3753

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county fire marshal to provide fire-related training programs for first responders.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 352.019, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 352.019.  COOPERATION WITH OTHER FIRE PROTECTION AGENCIES; TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

SECTION 2.  Section 352.019(e), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  A county commissioners court may authorize the fire marshal to provide training programs relating to fire-fighting and fire prevention and operate a training facility for first responders [~~the various fire-fighting and fire prevention units~~] in the county. The county may establish and collect a reasonable fee for the training programs, use of the facility, and services provided by the facility. In this subsection, "first responder" has the meaning assigned by Section 421.095, Government Code.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.