

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 1294

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1294:

By: Huberty

C.S.H.B. No. 1294

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain persons to receive emergency management training.

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

SECTION 1. Section 418.005, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to an officer, employee, or paid volunteer ~~[elected law enforcement officer or county judge, or an appointed public officer]~~ of the state or of a political subdivision~~[7]~~ who has management or supervisory responsibilities and:

(1) whose position description, job duties, or assignment includes emergency management responsibilities; or

(2) who plays a role in emergency preparedness, response, or recovery.

(a-1) For purposes of this section, a person is considered a paid volunteer only if the person performs duties at an executive or high-ranking management level.

(b) Each person described by Subsection (a) shall complete a course of training provided or approved by the division of not less than three hours regarding the responsibilities of state and local governments under this chapter not later than the 180th day after the date the person:

1 (1) takes the oath of office, if the person is required
2 to take an oath of office to assume the person's duties as a public
3 officer; or

4 (2) otherwise assumes responsibilities with the state
5 or a political subdivision ~~[as a public officer]~~, if the person is
6 not required to take an oath of office to assume the person's
7 duties.

8 (c) The division shall develop and provide a training course
9 related to the emergency management responsibilities of
10 state-level officers, employees, and paid volunteers and a training
11 course related to the emergency management responsibilities of
12 officers, employees, and paid volunteers of political
13 subdivisions. The division shall ensure that the training courses
14 satisfy the requirements of Subsection (b).

15 (e) The division or other entity providing the training
16 shall provide a certificate of course completion to a person
17 ~~[public officers]~~ who completes ~~[complete]~~ the training required by
18 this section. A person ~~[public officer]~~ who completes the training
19 required by this section shall maintain and make available for
20 public inspection the record of the person's ~~[public officer's]~~
21 completion of the training.

22 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2020, each person who is
23 required to complete a course of training under Section 418.005,
24 Government Code, as amended by this Act, must complete the
25 training.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.