

By: Davis of Harris

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. Sections 418.005(a), (b), (c), and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to an officer, employee, or volunteer [~~elected law enforcement officer or county judge, or an appointed public officer~~] of the state or of a political subdivision~~[-]~~ 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.

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

(2) otherwise assumes responsibilities with the state

1 or a political subdivision [~~as a public officer~~], if the person is
2 not required to take an oath of office to assume the person's
3 duties.

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

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

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

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