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S.B. No. 857

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring training for certain emergency management coordinators.

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:

(1) an 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:

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

(B) [~~(2)~~] who plays a role in emergency preparedness, response, or recovery; and

(2) an emergency management coordinator designated under Section 418.1015(c) by the emergency management director of a county with a population of 500,000 or more.

(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 as a public  
5 officer, if the person is not required to take an oath of office to  
6 assume the person's duties; or

7           (3) is designated as an emergency management  
8 coordinator under Section 418.1015(c).

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

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

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

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