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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training on emergency management for members of the emergency management council and state emergency response commission.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.0055 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.0055.  TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Emergency management council" means the council established by the governor under Section 418.013.

(2)  "State emergency response commission" means the commission appointed by the governor in accordance with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. Section 11001(a)).

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (c), each member of the emergency management council shall complete a training course on emergency management of at least 16 hours every two years.

(c)  Each member of the state emergency response commission shall complete a training course on emergency management of at least 40 hours every two years. A member of the commission who completes the training required by this subsection and who is a member of the emergency management council is not required to complete the training required by Subsection (b).

(d)  A person shall complete the training required by this section:

(1)  not later than the first anniversary of the date the person was appointed to the emergency management council or state emergency response commission for the initial training course; and

(2)  not later than each second anniversary of the deadline date provided by Subdivision (1) for each subsequent training course.

(e)  The division shall develop the minimum curriculum standards for the training courses required by this section. The division shall administer the training courses or approve training courses that meet the minimum curriculum standards established under this subsection.

SECTION 2.  Not later than September 1, 2022, each person serving on the emergency management council or state emergency response commission on the effective date of this Act shall complete the training required by Section 418.0055, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.