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H.B. No. 3661

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for members of the governing body of a rural hospital.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.012. TRAINING FOR GOVERNING BODY OF RURAL HOSPITAL. (a) In this section, "rural hospital" means a hospital licensed under this chapter that is:

(1) located in a county with a population of less than 60,000; or

(2) designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a critical access hospital, rural referral center, or sole community hospital and is not located in an area defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget as a metropolitan statistical area.

(b) A rural hospital shall provide to a member of the hospital's governing body, on the member's request, an education and training course on the governing body's powers and duties and other appropriate topics.

(c) The course provided under Subsection (b) must be:

(1) developed using requirements and standards determined by the Center for Optimizing Rural Health of the Texas A&M Rural and Community Health Institute or a successor

1 organization;

2 (2) provided at no cost to the requesting member; and

3 (3) available in an electronic format.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.