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H.B. No. 4450

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to training on emergency management for members of the  
3 emergency management council and state emergency response  
4 commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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