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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required management training for certain prosecuting attorneys.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 41, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 41.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.016.  TRAINING FOR CERTAIN PROSECUTORS. (a) A district attorney or criminal district attorney who is elected or appointed to serve a judicial district that includes a county with a population of more than 850,000 shall complete, either in person or online, a 10-hour training course on management responsibility, resources, and methods not later than the first anniversary of the date the attorney was first elected or appointed.

(b)  The State Bar of Texas shall credit a district attorney or criminal district attorney who completes a course under this section with 10 continuing legal education hours.

(c)  A district attorney or criminal district attorney who fails to complete the training required by this section is incompetent for purposes of removal under Chapter 87, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2.  (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the changes in law made by this Act apply only to a district attorney or criminal district attorney who is first elected or appointed on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b)  A district attorney or criminal district attorney who on the effective date of this Act serves a judicial district that includes a county with a population of more than 850,000 shall complete the training required by Section 41.016, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.