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H.B. No. 212

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing minimum credentialing qualifications for
Emergency Management Coordinators appointed by Emergency
Management Directors.

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 418.1015, Government Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 418.1015. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS. (a) The
presiding officer of the governing body of an incorporated city or a
county or the chief administrative officer of a joint board is
designated as the emergency management director for the officer's
political subdivision.

(b) An emergency management director serves as the
governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision
of duties under this chapter. An emergency management director may
exercise the powers granted to the governor under this chapter on an
appropriate local scale.

(c) An emergency management director may designate a person
to serve as emergency management coordinator. The emergency
management coordinator shall serve as an assistant to the emergency
management director for emergency management purposes. A person
designated as an emergency management coordinator must meet minimum
credentialing qualifications established by rule by the division.

SECTION 2. SECTION 418.005, Government Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 418.005. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING. (a) This
3 section applies only to:

4 (1) an elected law enforcement officer or county judge, or
5 an appointed public officer of the state or of a political
6 subdivision, who has management or supervisory responsibilities
7 and:

8 (A) whose position description, job duties, or assignment
9 includes emergency management responsibilities; or

10 (B) who plays a role in emergency preparedness, response, or
11 recovery; and

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if this Act
16 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
17 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
18 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
19 effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of
20 the legislative session.