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S.B. No. 2960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuing education required in order for a person to renew the person's agreement with the comptroller of public accounts to serve as an arbitrator in an appeal through binding arbitration of an appraisal review board order determining a protest.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41A.061(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To renew the person's agreement to serve as an arbitrator, the person must:

(1) file a renewal application with the comptroller at the time and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller;

(2) continue to meet the requirements provided by Sections 41A.06(b)(1) and (4);

(3) during the preceding two years have completed at least eight hours of continuing education in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution procedures;

(A) offered by a university, college, real estate trade association, or legal association; or

(B) included in a continuing legal education course approved by the state bar or the supreme court; and

(4) complete a revised training program on property tax law for the training and education of arbitrators established

1 under Section 5.043 not later than the 120th day after the date the
2 program is available to be taken if the comptroller:

3 (A) revises the program after the person is
4 included in the registry; and

5 (B) determines that the program is substantially
6 revised.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.