

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 310

BY SENATOR BROOME

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. Requires training for members of boards or commissions of regional transit entities. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 48:1501, relative to regional public transportation; to provide for the development and implementation of training of members of boards and commissions of regional public transit entities; to require training for such membership; to provide that the lack of training is a cause for removal; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 48:1501, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

§1501. Training required of members of boards of regional transit entities

A. All appointed members of a regional transit entity board shall receive and complete at least six hours of training in the duties, responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the positions held or to be held, either prior to taking office or not later than one year after taking office. The training shall be developed by or through, and approved by, the governing authority of the parish in which the respective entity is domiciled.

1 **B. The provisions of this Section shall only apply to persons appointed**
2 **to a board on or after January 1, 2015.**

3 **C. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following**
4 **meaning, unless the context requires otherwise:**

5 **(1) "Board" means the board or commission which serves as the**
6 **governing body of a regional transit entity.**

7 **(2) "Regional transit entity" includes each area public transit system**
8 **and regional public transit authority which administers a public transit system**
9 **within a metropolitan area that is created by law as a political subdivision of the**
10 **state.**

11 **D. Failure of a member to receive and complete the training required**
12 **by this Section either prior to taking office or within the first year after the**
13 **member takes office shall be cause for removal from the board.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Broome (SB 310)

Proposed law requires all appointed members of a regional transit entity board to receive and complete at least six hours of training in the duties, responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the positions held or to be held, either prior to taking office or not later than one year after taking office. Requires that the training be developed by or through, and approved by, the governing authority of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Provides that proposed law applies only to persons appointed to a board on or after January 1, 2015.

Defines "board" as the board or commission which serves as the governing body of a regional transit entity.

Defines "regional transit entity" to include each area public transit system and regional public transit authority which administers a public transit system within a metropolitan area that is created by law as a political subdivision of the state.

Provides that failure of a member to receive and complete the training required by proposed law either prior to taking office or within the first year after the member takes office shall be cause for removal from the board.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 48:1501)