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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1266

**Abstract:** Requires the members of the governing board of a regional transit entity to complete six hours of annual training relative to the duties and responsibilities of their positions.

Proposed law requires all members of a regional transit entity board to receive and complete at least six hours of training annually. Requires that the training sessions be approved by the staff of the regional planning commission where the regional transit entity is located and requires that the training include the duties, responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the positions held by the members.

Proposed law requires the regional planning commission staff to determine the eligibility of training sessions. Authorizes board members to attend training sessions that include but are not limited to the following topics: transit planning; financing, operations, and design best practices; parliamentary procedure; public hearing procedure; cultural sensitivity; ethics; workforce and labor issues; public engagement; transit entity governance; and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Proposed law requires board members to document their attendance of training sessions in a written statement filed with the chief executive officer of the regional transit entity. Provides for the content of each statement. Requires the chief executive officer to submit the documentation to the regional planning commission annually.

Proposed law provides that the failure of a member to receive and complete the requisite number of training hours or to file the statement required by proposed law constitutes a cause for removal of the member by his appointing authority. Further provides that the failure of one or more members to receive and complete training as required by proposed law does not affect, impact, or invalidate any action taken by a regional transit entity board.

Proposed law provides that proposed law applies only to persons appointed to a regional transit entity board on and after Jan. 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 48:1501)