

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1266 (Substitute for House Bill No. 955 by Representative Leger)

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

TRANSPORTATION: Provides relative to training requirements for board members of regional transit entities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 48:1501, relative to regional public transportation; to provide relative to the
4 governing boards of regional transit entities; to require the members of such boards
5 to complete certain training requirements; to provide for responsibilities of the staff
6 of regional planning commissions with respect to such training; to provide for
7 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 CHAPTER 11. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

12 §1501. Regional transit entities; board members; training

13 A. All members of a regional transit entity board shall receive and complete
14 at least six hours of annual training, beginning the first year any such member takes
15 office. The training shall be approved by the staff of the regional planning
16 commission where the regional transit entity is located and shall include the duties,
17 responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the positions held by such members.

18 B. The regional planning commission staff shall determine the eligibility of
19 training sessions to be counted for purposes of this Section. Board members may
20 attend training sessions covering topics that include but are not limited to transit

1 planning; financing, operations, and design best practices; parliamentary procedure;
2 public hearing procedure; cultural sensitivity; ethics; workforce and labor issues;
3 public engagement; transit entity governance; and requirements of the Americans
4 with Disabilities Act.

5 C. Board members shall document their attendance of training sessions in
6 a written statement filed with the chief executive officer of the regional transit entity.
7 Each statement shall identify the date of each program attended, its subject matter,
8 location, sponsors, and the time spent in each program. The chief executive officer
9 shall submit the documentation to the regional planning commission annually.

10 D. Failure of a member to receive and complete the requisite number of
11 training hours in a year or to file the statement required by Subsection C of this
12 Section shall constitute a cause for removal of the member by his appointing
13 authority.

14 E. Failure of one or more members to receive and complete training as
15 required by the provisions of this Section shall not affect, impact, or invalidate any
16 action taken by a regional transit entity board.

17 F. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to persons appointed to a
18 regional transit entity board on and after January 1, 2015.

19 G. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meaning
20 ascribed to them in this Subsection unless the context requires otherwise:

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

23 (2) "Regional transit entity" includes each area public transit system and
24 regional public transit authority that administers a public transit system within a
25 metropolitan area and that is created by law as a political subdivision of the state.

DIGEST

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Leger

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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)