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DIGEST

Broome (SB 310)

Proposed law requires all members of a "regional transit entity" board to receive and complete at least 6 hours of annual training beginning in the first year of taking office. The training must be approved by the staff of the commission and must include the duties, responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the position held or to be held.

"Regional transit entity" is defined as 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.

The staff of the commission is required to determine the eligibility of training sessions which meet the criteria related to the topics listed in the proposed law. Members must document their attendance in a written statement filed with the chief executive officer of the transit entity who must submit the documentation to the regional planning commission annually.

Proposed law provides that failure to complete training or file the statement constitutes a cause for removal of the member by the appointing body.

Proposed law provides that failure of one or more members to receive and complete the training does not effect, impact, or invalidate any decision of the board or commission.

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

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 48:1501)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Still requires 6 hours of training in the duties, responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the position for persons appointed to boards on and after January 1, 2015, but substantially changes the proposed law to specify:
 - (a) The training must be approved by the staff of the commission rather than

the governing authority of the parish in which the regional transit entity is located and the staff is required to determine the "eligibility" of training sessions.

- (b) Lists topics which must be included in training.
- (c) Requires documentation of attendance and filing.
- (d) Provides that failure of one or more members to receive and complete the training does not invalidate actions of the board or commission.