

New law requires all members of a "regional transit entity" board to receive and complete at least six hours of annual training beginning in the first year of taking office. The training must be approved by the staff of the regional planning 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.

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 new 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 commission annually.

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

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.

Applies only to persons appointed to a board on or after January 1, 2015.

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