

SENATE BILL NO. 310

BY SENATOR BROOME

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. Regional transit entities; training required of members

A. All members of a regional transit entity board shall receive and complete at least six hours of annual training beginning in the first year of office. The training shall be approved by the staff of the regional planning commission where the transit entity is located and shall include the duties, responsibilities, ethics, and substance of the position held or to be held.

B. The regional planning commission staff shall determine the eligibility of training sessions which meet the criteria related to these 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.

C. Documentation of continuing education. Members shall document their attendance of training sessions in a written statement filed with the chief

1 executive officer of the transit entity. Each statement shall identify the date of
2 each program attended, its subject matter, location, sponsors, and the time
3 spent in each program. The chief executive officer shall submit this
4 documentation to the regional planning commission annually.

5 D. Removal of a member. Failure of a member to receive and complete
6 the requisite number of training hours within the first year after the member
7 takes office and annually thereafter or to file the statement required by
8 Subsection C of this Section shall constitute a cause for removal of the member
9 by the appointing body.

10 E. Validity of decisions. Failure of one or more members to receive and
11 complete training required by this Section shall not affect, impact, or invalidate
12 any decision of the board or commission.

13 F. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to persons appointed
14 to a board on or after January 1, 2015.

15 G. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following
16 meaning, unless the context requires otherwise:

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

19 (2) "Regional transit entity" includes each area public transit system
20 and regional public transit authority which administers a public transit system
21 within a metropolitan area that is created by law as a political subdivision of the
22 state.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____