

New 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 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.

New 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.

New 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.

New law provides that the failure of a member to complete the requisite training or to file the statement required by new law constitutes a cause for removal of the member by his appointing authority. The failure of a member to receive and complete training as required by new law does not affect, impact, or invalidate any action taken by a regional transit entity board.

New law applies only to persons appointed to a regional transit entity board on and after Jan. 1, 2015.

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