

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 517

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Provides relative to public water systems

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1281.12, relative to public water systems; to require specialized training  
3 in compliance; to require specialized training in management skills; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1281.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1281.12. Specialized training required

8 A. All appropriate staff of public water systems shall attend a specialized  
9 training session pursuant to this Section provided by the state, its contractors, or state  
10 recognized trainers.

11 B. Public water system board members, owners, operators, and any other  
12 person designated by the department shall attend at least eight hours of training that  
13 focuses on achieving and maintaining compliance with all applicable federal and  
14 state laws and regulations.

15 C. Public water system board members, owners, and any other person  
16 designated by the department shall attend at least eight hours of training that focuses  
17 on the management of a public water system including, at a minimum, ownership  
18 accountability, staffing and organization, effective external linkages, public relations,  
19 proper communications with customers, and strategic planning.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires specialized training for public water system personnel.

Proposed law requires all appropriate staff of public water systems to attend at least eight hours of the following specialized training sessions provided by the state, its contractors, or state recognized trainers:

- (1) Training that focuses on achieving and maintaining compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- (2) Training that focuses on the management of a public water system including, at a minimum, ownership accountability, staffing and organization, effective external linkages, public relations, proper communications with customers, and strategic planning.

(Adds R.S. 40:1281.12)