

**SUBJECT:** Requiring certain district attorneys to complete management training

**COMMITTEE:** Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 7 ayes — Leach, Julie Johnson, Flores, Moody, Murr, Schofield, Vasut  
1 nay — Slawson  
1 absent — Davis

**WITNESSES:** For — Justin Underwood  
Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that required management training for district attorneys in large counties could help them better manage large staffs and serve the community.

**DIGEST:** CSHB 3675 would require a district attorney who was elected or appointed to serve a judicial district that included a county with a population of at least 850,000 to complete a 10-hour training course on management responsibility, resources, and methods by the first anniversary of when the attorney was first elected or appointed.

The State Bar of Texas would be required to credit a district attorney who completed a course with 10 continuing legal education hours. A district attorney who failed to complete the required training would be incompetent for purposes of removal. The district judge adjudicating a petition for removal of a district attorney in which the only alleged cause for removal was a violation of these provisions would be required to dismiss the case if the attorney completed the required training by the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the petition was filed.

A district attorney who served in a relevant judicial district would be required to complete the required training by September 1, 2024.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023, and would apply only to a district attorney who was first elected or appointed on or after that date.