

Senate Bill 732 signed into law July 2016

FIRST INFORMER BROADCASTER ACT (SECTION 190.260)

This act requires the Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with any statewide organization representing broadcasters, to establish a program for training and certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel as first informer broadcasters.

The program must provide training and education concerning the restoration, repair, and resupply of broadcaster facilities and equipment in emergency or disaster areas and the personal safety of first informer broadcasters.

Under this act, state and local governmental agencies must allow first informer broadcasters access to emergency or disaster areas to restore, repair, or resupply critical broadcaster facilities and equipment.

The statewide association involved in establishing the training program must pay the costs of developing and implementing the program.

This provision is identical to a provision in SCS/HB 1606 (2016) and similar to HCS/HB 296 (2015).