

- SUBJECT:** Requiring driver education to include information on oversize vehicles
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Geren, Guillen, Harless, Hernandez, Paddie, S. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Herrero, K. King, Kuempel
- WITNESSES:** For — John Esparza, Texas Trucking Association; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Aaron Gregg, Starsky Robotics; Chelsy Hutchison, Union Pacific Railroad)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Brian Francis, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)
- BACKGROUND:** Concerns have been raised that drivers are not adequately trained in the safe operation of vehicles around oversize and overweight loads, contributing to the number of accidents involving those vehicles.
- DIGEST:** HB 105 would require the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation to require that each driver education and driving safety course include information related to safely driving near oversize and overweight vehicles, including safe following distances and passing methods. The commission would adopt these rules by March 1, 2020, and driver education course providers would submit new curricula to the commission by September 1, 2020.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.