

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1918
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, Section 201.601, Transportation Code, calls for a statewide transportation plan which incorporates all facets of transportation. Bordering the Future, a report published in July 1998 by the office of the comptroller, recommended the creation of a State Transportation Council to develop a plan to improve transportation facilities for the benefit of the state's economy. H.B. 1918 sets forth requirements for the Texas Department of Transportation planning of multimodal and intermodal transportation.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1918 sets forth requirements for the Texas Department of Transportation planning of multimodal and intermodal transportation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 201D, Transportation Code, by adding Section 201.208, as follows:

Sec. 201.208. INTERMODAL PLANNING FUNCTION. Designates the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as the state's planning agency for intermodal transportation, including highways, airports, railroads, and seaports for purposes of federal law.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 201.601, Transportation Code, to require TxDOT to develop a statewide transportation plan that meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. Section 135, as amended, and contains all modes of transportation, including farm-to-market roads. Requires TxDOT, in developing the plan to take certain actions. Deletes text requiring the TXDOT to seek opinions and assistance.

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 201H, Transportation Code, by adding Section 201.613, as follows:

Sec. 201.613. TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Defines "border region." Sets forth the composition, requirements, and duties of the transportation plan advisory committee.

SECTION 4. Requires TxDOT to complete the plan required by Section 201.601, Transportation Code, not later than January 1, 2001, and submit the plan to the governor and legislature.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.