

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3399
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties have noted that allowing the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to partner with the federal government on road projects on military installations could provide cost savings for these projects and increase efficiency. However, TxDOT does not have statutory authority to enter into agreements with military installations to assist or coordinate in the provision of road services.

H.B. 3399 would amend the Transportation Code to authorize TxDOT to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist in the provision of road services for military installations. The bill would prohibit state funds from being used to provide road services under such agreements.

H.B. 3399 amends current law relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide road services on federal military property.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, by adding Section 201.1056, as follows:

Sec. 201.1056. AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES ON FEDERAL MILITARY PROPERTY. (a) Authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist with the provision of road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services for military installations.

(b) Prohibits state funds from being used to provide services under an agreement entered into under this section.

(c) Prohibits TxDOT, notwithstanding Subsection (a), from entering into an agreement under this section if payment for the services provided under the agreement would be made from funds provided to the state for public roads under Title 23, United States Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.