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H.B. No. 3805

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the program categories in the unified transportation program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter P, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 201.9955 and 201.9956 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.9955. PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO BORDER SECURITY. (a) The commission by rule shall include in the project categories established under Section 201.995(a) a category for projects related to improving border security and establishing international trade corridors.

(b) The projects assigned to this category must:

(1) provide greater security in the movement of goods or enhance the flow of goods from an international border crossing onto the state highway system; or

(2) mitigate congestion affecting airports, railroad crossings, or other transportation infrastructure located within 60 miles of an international border crossing.

Sec. 201.9956. FUNDING FOR PROGRAM CATEGORIES CREATED BY LAW. A category required by law to be included in the categories established under Section 201.995(a) may only be initially implemented if the legislature makes a specific appropriation for the purpose of implementing the category.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.