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S.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of state money for high-speed rail operated by a private entity and to the construction of certain high-speed rail.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 91, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Sec. 91.130. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "high-speed rail" means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

Sec. 91.131. CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL. The department shall enter into a comprehensive development agreement with a private entity to construct, maintain, and operate high-speed rail connecting Dallas to Austin to San Antonio along the Interstate Highway 35 corridor.

SECTION 2. Section 199.003, Transportation Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.