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H.B. No. 160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on the relocation of freight trains away from
3 certain residential areas of the state.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Department of Transportation
6 shall conduct a study to determine the economic feasibility of
7 relocating freight trains that carry hazardous materials away from
8 residential areas of the state in municipalities with a population
9 of more than 1.2 million. The study must include an evaluation of
10 cost options for the relocation of freight trains from residential
11 areas.

12 (b) Not later than March 1, 2008, the Texas Department of
13 Transportation shall report the results of the study conducted
14 under Subsection (a) of this section to the governor and the
15 legislature.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.