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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 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. The study must include an
9 evaluation of cost options for the relocation of freight trains
10 from residential areas.

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

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