

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1077
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2007; March 14, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland
1-4 Security; April 2, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to performance audits of certain regional transportation
1-9 authorities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 452.454, Transportation
1-12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (c) Each audit must include an examination of:

1-14 (1) one or more of the following:

1-15 (A) the administration and management of the
1-16 authority;

1-17 (B) transit operations; or

1-18 (C) transit authority system maintenance;

1-19 (2) the authority's compliance with applicable state
1-20 law, including this chapter; and

1-21 (3) the following performance indicators:

1-22 (A) subsidy per passenger, operating cost per
1-23 ~~[passenger, per]~~ revenue mile, and operating cost per revenue hour;

1-24 (B) sales and use tax receipts per passenger;

1-25 (C) fare recovery rate;

1-26 (D) number of passengers per hour ~~[average~~
1-27 ~~vehicle occupancy]~~;

1-28 (E) on-time performance;

1-29 (F) number of accidents per 100,000 miles; and

1-30 (G) number of miles between mechanical service
1-31 ~~[road]~~ calls.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 452.455, Transportation Code, is amended
1-33 by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsections (g) through (j)
1-34 to read as follows:

1-35 (c-1) The subsidy per passenger is computed by subtracting
1-36 annual operating revenues from annual operating costs and dividing
1-37 that amount by the total number of passengers for the same period.

1-38 (g) The number of passengers per hour ~~[average vehicle~~
1-39 ~~occupancy]~~ is computed by dividing the total number of annual
1-40 passengers ~~[passenger miles]~~ by the total number of ~~[miles traveled~~
1-41 ~~by authority]~~ revenue vehicle hours ~~[vehicles while in revenue~~
1-42 ~~service for the same period. The annual passenger miles are~~
1-43 ~~computed by multiplying the annual passenger trips and the average~~
1-44 ~~distance ridden by passengers]~~ for the same period.

1-45 (h) On-time performance is computed by determining an
1-46 annual percentage of revenue vehicle trips of revenue vehicles that
1-47 depart from selected locations at a time not earlier than the
1-48 published departure time and not later than five minutes after that
1-49 published time. On-time performance is computed only for fixed
1-50 route revenue service.

1-51 (i) The number of accidents per 100,000 miles is computed by
1-52 multiplying the annual number of accidents by 100,000 and dividing
1-53 the product by the number of miles for all service, including
1-54 charter and nonrevenue service ~~[, directly operated by the~~
1-55 ~~authority]~~ for the same period. In this subsection, "accident"
1-56 includes:

1-57 (1) a collision that involves an authority's revenue
1-58 vehicle, other than a lawfully parked revenue vehicle, and results
1-59 in property damage, injury, or death; and

1-60 (2) an operating incident resulting in the injury or
1-61 death of a person on board or boarding or alighting from an
1-62 authority's revenue vehicle.

1-63 (j) The number of miles between mechanical ~~[road]~~
1-64 calls is computed by dividing the annual number of miles for all

2-1 service [~~directly operated by an authority~~], including charter
2-2 service and nonrevenue service, by the number of mechanical service
2-3 [~~road~~] calls for the same period. In this subsection, "mechanical
2-4 service [~~road~~] call" means an interruption in revenue service that
2-5 is caused by revenue vehicle equipment failure that requires
2-6 assistance from a person other than the vehicle operator before the
2-7 vehicle can be operated normally.

2-8 SECTION 3. Subdivisions (2) and (4), Subsection (k),
2-9 Section 452.455, Transportation Code, are amended to read as
2-10 follows:

2-11 (2) "Passenger" or "passenger [~~"Passenger~~] trips"
2-12 means the number of all passenger boardings, including transfers,
2-13 but excluding charter passengers and carpool and vanpool passengers
2-14 whose trips are only coordinated by the authority.

2-15 (4) "Revenue vehicle" means a vehicle, or a
2-16 combination of rail vehicles comprising a train, that is:

- 2-17 (A) used to carry paying passengers; and
- 2-18 (B) operated by an authority or as a purchased
2-19 service.

2-20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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