

Amend CSHB 300 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNALIZATION STUDY

SECTION _____.01. Chapter 544, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 544.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 544.014. STUDY. (a) The department shall conduct a study regarding improvement of traffic-control signalization.

(b) In conducting the study, the department shall consider:

(1) methods to promote more efficient traffic flow, including a reduction in vehicle idling time, by:

(A) synchronizing or eliminating traffic-control signals;

(B) adopting smart light technologies, including cameras; and

(C) adopting alternatives to red light signals;

(2) the funding sources available to municipalities wishing to implement new traffic control programs; and

(3) the economic and environmental effects of idling vehicles.

(c) The department may not spend more than \$200,000 on the study conducted under this section.

(d) Not later than December 1, 2010, the department shall report the results of the study conducted under this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate oversight committees of each house of the legislature.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2011.