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            Phillips (Senate Sponsor - Williams)
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       favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 11, 2009, sent
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                                  A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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                                          AN ACT
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       relating to the public transportation advisory committee.
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              BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
              SECTION 1. Sections
                                           455.004(a),
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                                                                       and
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       Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A public transportation advisory committee consisting
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       of nine [11] members shall:
       (1) advise the commission on the needs and problems of the state's public transportation providers, including the methods
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       for allocating state public transportation money;
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                    (2) comment on rules involving public transportation
       during development of the rules and before the commission finally
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       adopts the rules unless an emergency requires immediate commission
       action;
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                     (3)
                         advise the commission on the implementation of
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       Chapter 461; [and]
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                    (4)
                          perform any
                                            other
                                                     duty determined by
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       commission; and
                          reflect the diversity of the state.
                    The members [commission shall appoint members of the
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       advisory committee. The membership] of the committee shall be
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       appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker
         the house of representatives, who shall each appoint [include]:

(1) one member [four members] who represent
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                                                                        represents
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       [represent]
                     a diverse cross-section of public transportation
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       providers;
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                                member
                     (2)
                                          [<del>three</del>
                                                    <del>-members</del>l
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                          one
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(3) one member [three represents [represent] the general public[; and [(4) one member with experience in the administration health and human services programs].

members]

who

[represent] a diverse cross-section of transportation users; and

(c) A member serves at the pleasure of the <u>officer who</u> appointed the <u>member</u> [commission]. A member is not entitled to compensation for service on the committee but is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses the member incurs performing committee duties.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to the public transportation advisory committee does not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the committee immediately before the effective date of this Act to serve the remainder of the member's term. The first two members whose positions expire or become vacant may not be replaced.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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