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H.B. No. 2314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of the Texas Department of Transportation as the contracting agent for certain airports.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.018, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22.018. DESIGNATION OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS AGENT IN CONTRACTING AND SUPERVISING. (a) A local government or an owner of an eligible airport may designate the Texas Department of Transportation as its agent in contracting for and supervising the planning, acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, maintaining, or operating of an airport or air navigation facility.

(b) A local government or an owner of an eligible airport may enter into an agreement with the department prescribing the terms of the agency relationship in accordance with the terms prescribed by the United States, if federal money is involved, and in accordance with the laws of this state.

(c) The department, in acting as the agent of a local government or an owner of an eligible airport under this section, shall make each contract in accordance with the law governing the making of contracts by or on behalf of the state.

(d) In this section, "eligible airport" means an airport eligible to receive grant funds under the airport improvement

1 program established by 49 U.S.C. Section 47101 et seq.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.