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H.B. No. 2418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the coordination of the planning, construction,
3 operation, and maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system by
4 the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Sections 201.6012 and 201.6013 to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 201.6012. COORDINATION OF STATEWIDE PASSENGER RAIL
10 SYSTEM. To facilitate the development and interconnectivity of
11 rail systems in this state, the department shall coordinate
12 activities regarding the planning, construction, operation, and
13 maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system. The department
14 shall coordinate with other entities involved with passenger rail
15 systems, including governmental entities, private entities, and
16 nonprofit corporations.

17 Sec. 201.6013. LONG-TERM PLAN FOR STATEWIDE PASSENGER RAIL
18 SYSTEM. The department shall prepare and update annually a
19 long-term plan for a statewide passenger rail system. Information
20 contained in the plan must include:

21 (1) a description of existing and proposed passenger
22 rail systems;

23 (2) information regarding the status of passenger rail
24 systems under construction;

- 1 (3) an analysis of potential interconnectivity
2 difficulties;
3 (4) ridership projections for proposed passenger rail
4 projects; and
5 (5) ridership statistics for existing passenger rail
6 systems.

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