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H.B. No. 3455

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation regarding traffic-control signalization.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 544, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 544.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 544.013. 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

1 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
2 representatives, and the appropriate oversight committees of each
3 house of the legislature.

4 (e) This section expires September 1, 2011.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.