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H.B. No. 4203

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation  
3 to enter into funding agreements to expedite an agency's  
4 environmental review duties related to transportation projects.

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 Section 201.6045 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 201.6045. AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO  
9 EXPEDITE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. The department may enter into an  
10 agreement to provide funds to a state or federal agency to expedite  
11 the agency's performance of its duties related to the environmental  
12 review process for a transportation project of the department.

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