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S.B. No. 1382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) information regarding the status of passenger rail 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.