

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1606  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law regarding the supplemental optional benefits program for state employees does not include a qualified transportation benefit. H.B. 1606 makes it possible for state employees to benefit, if they choose, from a transportation program by adding a qualified transportation benefit to the optional benefits program provided to state employees.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1606 amends the Government Code to require the supplemental optional benefits program designated by the Employees Retirement System of Texas, for which a state agency employee may authorize a salary or wage deduction, to include a qualified transportation benefit. The bill makes a conforming change.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2011.