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H.B. No. 1899

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the posting of signs in school crossing zones regarding
3 the prohibited use of a wireless communication device while
4 operating a motor vehicle.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 545.425, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by amending Subsections (b-1) and (f) and adding Subsection (b-2)
8 to read as follows:

9 (b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), a [~~A~~]
10 municipality, county, or other political subdivision that enforces
11 this section shall post a sign that complies with the standards
12 described by this subsection at the entrance to each school
13 crossing zone in the municipality, county, or other political
14 subdivision. The department shall adopt standards that:

15 (1) allow for a sign required to be posted under this
16 subsection to be attached to an existing sign at a minimal cost; and

17 (2) require that a sign required to be posted under
18 this subsection inform an operator that:

19 (A) the use of a wireless communication device is
20 prohibited in the school crossing zone; and

21 (B) the operator is subject to a fine if the
22 operator uses a wireless communication device in the school
23 crossing zone.

24 (b-2) A municipality, county, or other political

1 subdivision that by ordinance or rule prohibits the use of a
2 wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle
3 throughout the jurisdiction of the political subdivision is not
4 required to post a sign as required by Subsection (b-1).

5 (f) A municipality, county, or other [~~This section preempts~~
6 ~~all local ordinances, rules, or regulations that are inconsistent~~
7 ~~with specific provisions of this section adopted by a~~] political
8 subdivision of this state may by rule or ordinance regulate
9 [~~relating to~~] the use of a wireless communication device by the
10 operator of a motor vehicle.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.