

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1545
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, public transportation providers that offer transportation services for people with disabilities do not have a uniform system of procedures and have varying eligibility requirements. This hinders the ability of people with disabilities to move freely across the state.

C.S.H.B. 1545 amends current law relating to a study regarding the use of certain public transportation services by persons with disabilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Defines "providers" and "services" in this Act.

(b) Requires the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities (committee), in coordination with providers located in rural and urban areas of the state, and paratransit advocacy groups, to conduct a study to determine:

(1) the feasibility of standardizing the process of certifying an individual's eligibility in the state; and

(2) whether the current 21-day provision of services by a provider is adequate to meet the needs of visitors with disabilities to locations served by the provider.

(c) Requires the committee, not later than January 1, 2015, to submit a report on the findings of the study performed under this section to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and standing committees of the senate and house of representatives that have jurisdiction over issues related to transportation.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.