

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the use of certain public transportation services by persons with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "providers" and "services" have the meanings assigned by Section 461.009, Transportation Code.

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

(1) the feasibility of standardizing the process of certifying an individual's eligibility for services 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) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities shall 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. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1545 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1545 on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1545 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor