

1-1 By: Allen, Riddle (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 1545
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
 1-3 April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 14, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 14, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1545 By: Ellis

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study regarding the use of certain public
 1-22 transportation services by persons with disabilities.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "providers" and "services" have
 1-25 the meanings assigned by Section 461.009, Transportation Code.

1-26 (b) The Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities,
 1-27 in coordination with providers located in rural and urban areas of
 1-28 the state, and paratransit advocacy groups, shall conduct a study
 1-29 to determine:

1-30 (1) the feasibility of standardizing the process of
 1-31 certifying an individual's eligibility for services in the state;
 1-32 and

1-33 (2) whether the current 21-day provision of services
 1-34 by a provider is adequate to meet the needs of visitors with
 1-35 disabilities to locations served by the provider.

1-36 (c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Governor's Committee
 1-37 on People with Disabilities shall submit a report on the findings of
 1-38 the study performed under this section to the governor, lieutenant
 1-39 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and standing
 1-40 committees of the senate and house of representatives that have
 1-41 jurisdiction over issues related to transportation.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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