

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 17, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2204** by Pickett (Relating to the establishment of a variable speed limit pilot program by the Texas Transportation Commission.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Transportation Commission by rule to establish a variable speed pilot program to be implemented by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to study the effectiveness of lowering of a prima facie speed limit to address inclement weather, congestion, construction, or any other condition that impacts the safe movement of traffic. The bill would require that a speed limit established under the program be based on a traffic and engineering investigation. The bill would require the Texas Transportation Commission to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the pilot program. The provisions of the bill would expire on February 1, 2015.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 601 Department of Transportation, 405 Department of Public Safety

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