

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 1545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use certain public transportation services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 461.009, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) At the request of an individual who resides in a provider's service area and is eligible to use the provider's services, the provider shall provide written certification that the individual is eligible to use the provider's services. Proof of certification made under this subsection entitles the individual to obtain services from any provider in the state for not more than 60 days during a 365-day period that begins with the individual's first use of a provider's service outside of the service area in which the individual resides.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

ADOPTED

MAY 20 2013

Henry G. Cisneros
Speaker of the House

By: *Rodney Ellis*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1545:

By: *Rodney Ellis*

C.S. H.B. No. 1545

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3 transportation services by persons with disabilities.

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

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

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

11 (1) the feasibility of standardizing the process of
12 certifying an individual's eligibility for services in the state;
13 and

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

17 (c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Governor's Committee
18 on People with Disabilities shall submit a report on the findings of
19 the study performed under this section to the governor, lieutenant
20 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and standing
21 committees of the senate and house of representatives that have
22 jurisdiction over issues related to transportation.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 21, 2013

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1545 by Allen (Relating to a study regarding the use of certain public transportation services by persons with disabilities.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require 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, to conduct a study related to certain public transportation services designed for people with disabilities and submit a report, no later than January 1, 2015, 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.

The Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor indicates the provisions of the bill could be implemented with existing resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 300 Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor

LBB Staff: UP, SD, AG, EP, CK

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2013

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1545 by Allen (Relating to a study regarding the use of certain public transportation services by persons with disabilities.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2013

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1545 by Allen (Relating to the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use certain public transportation services.). **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require a public transportation provider that provides services designed for people with disabilities to provide written certification to an eligible individual that resides in the area that requests to use the provider's services. Proof of certification would entitle the individual to obtain services from any provider throughout the state.

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No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, AG, TP

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 14, 2013

TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1545 by Allen (Relating to the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use certain public transportation services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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LBB Staff: UP, AG, TP

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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 24, 2013

TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1545 by Allen (Relating to the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use certain public transportation services.), **As Introduced**

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