

**BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 1831  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Substituted)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Specialist Dane R. Balcon died in Iraq of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during his service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From an early age, Balcon dreamed of the opportunity to serve his country, beginning with his participation in the Army ROTC program at Sand Creek High School, where he is remembered as an outstanding person and someone who had an absolute love for the military and his country. C.S.S.B. 1831 seeks to provide an honorable tribute to thank him and his family for his service through the designation of a portion of State Highway 151 as the Specialist Dane Balcon Memorial Bridge.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

**ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 1831 amends the Transportation Code to designate the State Highway 151 bridge at Westover Hills in Bexar County as the Specialist Dane Balcon Memorial Bridge. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.

**COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.S.B. 1831 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

SENATE ENGROSSED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
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BALCON MEMORIAL BRIDGE. (a) The  
State Highway 151 bridge at Westover Hills  
in Bexar County is designated as the  
Specialist Dane Balcon Memorial Bridge.  
(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the  
department shall:  
(1) design and construct markers indicating  
the highway number, the designation as the  
Specialist Dane Balcon Memorial Bridge,  
and any other appropriate information; and  
(2) erect a marker at each end of the  
highway and at appropriate intermediate  
sites along the highway.

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, 2015.

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SECTION 2. Same as engrossed version.