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H.B. No. 3769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the funding of certain transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.623 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.623. PRIORITY CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

(a) The department shall designate as priority corridors highways or segments of highways in the state highway system that have international importance.

(b) A transportation project in a priority corridor designated under Subsection (a) must be given priority for department resources, including available funding and staff time, over other department projects.

SECTION 2. Sections 222.1075(a)(1) and (3), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(1) "Port authority" means:

(A) a port authority or navigation district created or operating under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; or

(B) a municipality containing an inland port.

(3) "Port project" means a project that is necessary or convenient for the proper operation of an inland port or a maritime port or waterway and that will improve the security, movement, and intermodal transportation of cargo or passengers in

1 commerce and trade, including dredging, disposal, and other
2 projects.

3 SECTION 3. Section [222.1075](#), Transportation Code, is
4 amended by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

5 (n) Notwithstanding any other law, a port commission may
6 designate a port authority transportation reinvestment zone for a
7 port project located outside the boundaries of the port authority
8 if:

9 (1) the port commission finds that:

10 (A) the project will benefit the property and
11 residents located in the zone; and

12 (B) the creation of the zone will serve a public
13 purpose of the designating authority;

14 (2) a zone has been designated for the same project by
15 one or more authorities in whose boundaries the project is located;
16 and

17 (3) an agreement for joint support of the designated
18 zones is entered into under this section by:

19 (A) the authority whose boundaries do not contain
20 the project; and

21 (B) one or more of the authorities that have
22 designated a zone for the project and in whose boundaries the
23 project is located.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.