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S.B. No. 1424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration and oversight of overweight corridors; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 623.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 623.004. ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT OF OVERWEIGHT CORRIDORS. (a) In this section, "overweight corridor" means a designated section of a state highway for which an optional procedure is authorized under this chapter for the issuance of permits:

(1) by entities other than the Texas Department of Transportation or the department; and

(2) for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles.

(b) The Texas Department of Transportation shall:

(1) set minimum requirements for determining the feasibility, viability, and economic impact of additional overweight corridors that take into consideration traffic volume, ability to recover costs, and the role of overweight corridors within a statewide plan for freight mobility;

(2) use the requirements set under Subdivision (1) to periodically develop recommendations for additional overweight corridors that would benefit the state;

1           (3) include any recommendations developed under  
2 Subdivision (2) in the plan described by Section 201.6011; and

3           (4) create a pavement management plan for each  
4 operational overweight corridor.

5           (c) The Texas Department of Transportation, in consultation  
6 with interested parties, shall:

7           (1) establish performance measures for each  
8 operational overweight corridor; and

9           (2) include in the plan described by Section 201.6011  
10 the results of an evaluation using the performance measures  
11 disaggregated by the overweight corridor.

12           (d) An entity issuing overweight corridor permits under  
13 this chapter shall:

14           (1) report information necessary for an evaluation  
15 using performance measures established under Subsection (c) to the  
16 Texas Department of Transportation; and

17           (2) in setting a fee for the permit, consider the  
18 pavement management plan created under Subsection (b)(4) for the  
19 overweight corridor.

20           (e) The department may:

21           (1) issue overweight corridor permits on behalf of an  
22 entity authorized to issue the permits under this chapter; and

23           (2) establish and charge a fee for issuing a permit  
24 under Subdivision (1) in an amount sufficient to recover the actual  
25 cost of issuance.

26           (f) A fee collected under Subsection (e)(2) shall be sent to  
27 the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the Texas Department of

1 Motor Vehicles fund and may be appropriated only to the department  
2 for the administration of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.