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S.B. No. 1947

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to alternative road construction methods.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.6155 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.6155. ALTERNATIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION METHODS.

(a) The department shall create a mechanism to test alternative road construction methods that have been implemented or tested by another governmental entity, another state, or the federal government.

(b) The department may test methods identified under Subsection (a). If the department determines that a method tested under this subsection meets the state's needs, the department shall approve the method for use in this state.

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.