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H.B. No. 3645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the types of highway projects for which the Texas Department of Transportation is required to hold a hearing and a reduction of amounts appropriated to the Texas Department of Transportation for a violation of provisions relating to public participation in the environmental review of transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.604, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) If the department violates a requirement relating to public participation in the environmental review of a transportation project under this section or under rules adopted to implement this section, the department is subject to a reduction of amounts appropriated for administration by the General Appropriations Act for the biennium following the biennium in which the violation occurs in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 203, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 203.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 203.023. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN LAYOUT OR FUNCTION. The commission by rule shall require a hearing for projects that substantially change the layout or function of a connecting roadway or an existing facility, including the addition of managed lanes,

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1 high-occupancy vehicle lanes, bicycle lanes, bus lanes, and transit
2 lanes.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.