

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 977
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2017; March 6, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 10, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2; April 10, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 977 By: Hall

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the use of state money for high-speed rail operated by a
 1-22 private entity.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 199, Transportation Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Section 199.003 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 199.003. USE OF STATE MONEY FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL.

1-27 (a) For the purposes of this section, "high-speed rail" means
 1-28 intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected to
 1-29 reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

1-30 (b) Except as required by federal law or other state law,
 1-31 including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
 1-32 Section 4321 et seq.):

1-33 (1) the legislature may not appropriate money to pay
 1-34 for a cost of planning, facility construction or maintenance, or
 1-35 security for, promotion of, or operation of, high-speed rail
 1-36 operated by a private entity; and

1-37 (2) a state agency may not accept or use state money to
 1-38 pay for a cost described by Subdivision (1).

1-39 (c) A state agency shall prepare a semiannual report of each
 1-40 expense described by this section and submit a copy of each report
 1-41 to:

1-42 (1) the commission;

1-43 (2) the comptroller;

1-44 (3) the committee in each house of the legislature
 1-45 with primary jurisdiction over transportation;

1-46 (4) the speaker of the house of representatives;

1-47 (5) the lieutenant governor; and

1-48 (6) the governor.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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