

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 980
 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
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 980 By: Hall

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

1-21 relating to state money or credit or a state guarantee used or
 1-22 provided for high-speed rail owned by a 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. STATE MONEY FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL; PRIORITY OF
 1-27 LIEN. (a) For the purposes of this section, "high-speed rail"
 1-28 means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected
 1-29 to reach speeds that exceed 110 miles per hour.

1-30 (b) No state money, credit, or guarantee shall be used or
 1-31 provided, wholly or partly, for any purpose related to high-speed
 1-32 rail owned by a private entity unless, to secure the repayment of
 1-33 state money, this state acquires and maintains a lien on or other
 1-34 security interest in:

1-35 (1) property of the private entity acquired with or
 1-36 through state money or credit or using a guarantee of this state; or
 1-37 (2) other assets owned by the private entity.

1-38 (c) Before an entity or official of this state enters into
 1-39 an agreement to provide state money or credit or a state guarantee
 1-40 under Subsection (b), the Bond Review Board must review and certify
 1-41 the agreement to ensure that the lien or other security interest
 1-42 described by that subsection is sufficient, in accordance with
 1-43 generally accepted accounting standards, to protect this state's
 1-44 financial interests.

1-45 (d) A lien on or other security interest held by this state
 1-46 in property or other assets described by Subsection (b) is superior
 1-47 and prior to any other lien, claim, or interest of any other person
 1-48 on or against the property or other assets of the private entity.

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

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