**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

There are 24 Council of Governments within Texas and three within SD 31. Current law is unclear on the procedure for a governmental unit to transfer from one regional planning commission to another. HB 2736 addresses the procedural ambiguity by outlining a clear process for transfer.

H.B. 2736 amends current law relating to the authority of a governmental unit that has withdrawn from a regional planning commission to join another regional planning commission.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 391, Local Government Code, by adding Section 391.016, as follows:

Sec. 391.016. JOINING COMMISSION AFTER WITHDRAWAL. Authorizes a governmental unit that has withdrawn from a regional commission under Section 391.015 (Withdrawal From Commission) to join another commission that is adjacent to the unit if:

(1) the transfer is approved by the governing bodies of:

(A) the unit; and

(B) the commission the unit wishes to join;

(2) the governmental unit submits a written request for approval of the transfer to the governor that:

(A) is in the form and manner prescribed by the Office of the Governor; and

(B) demonstrates the transfer furthers the purpose of this chapter as described by Section 391.001 (Purpose); and

(3) the governor approves the transfer.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.