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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 3249 |
| By: Kacal |
| Environmental Regulation |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that traffic congestion has a number of adverse effects on the environment. H.B. 3249 seeks to provide for a study that analyzes the relationship between pollution and traffic congestion and recommends strategies for ameliorating this problem. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 3249 amends the Health and Safety Code to provide funding capped at $250,000 from certain money appropriated to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be used for programs under the Texas emissions reduction plan to contract with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute for a study to do the following:   * evaluate the relationship between traffic congestion and ozone precursors; and * identify effective strategies in reducing nitrogen oxide emissions from transportation sources. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |