

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3755
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Homeland Security & Public Safety
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that operating the state's driver's license program is a major portion of the workload for the Department of Public Safety, and it has been suggested that this program could be improved going forward. H.B. 3755 seeks to create a study on the improvement of driver's license issuance in Texas.

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. 3755 requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to contract with a third-party entity to conduct a study and create a report on improving the process of issuing driver's licenses in Texas. The bill sets out the required components of the study and requires DPS, not later than May 1, 2020, to submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the legislature the report that includes the study's findings and any recommendations to improve the process for issuing driver's licenses. The bill's provisions expire September 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.