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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation of the feasibility of certain improvements to Interstate Highway 27.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  (a) In this Act:

(1)  "Improvement" has the meaning assigned by Section 221.001, Transportation Code.

(2)  "Port of entry" has the meaning assigned by Section 621.001, Transportation Code.

(b)  The Texas Department of Transportation shall conduct a comprehensive study of the feasibility of and the costs and logistical matters associated with improvements that:

(1)  extend Interstate Highway 27:

(A)  from its northern terminus to Dumas;

(B)  from Dumas to Stratford; and

(C)  from Stratford to the Oklahoma state border;

(2)  extend Interstate Highway 27:

(A)  from its northern terminus to Dumas;

(B)  from Dumas to Dalhart; and

(C)  from Dalhart to the New Mexico state border; and

(3)  extend Interstate Highway 27:

(A)  from its southern terminus to Interstate Highway 20;

(B)  from Interstate Highway 20 to Interstate Highway 10; and

(C)  from Interstate Highway 10 to the port of entry located in Laredo.

(c)  Not later than January 1, 2021, the Texas Department of Transportation shall submit a report on the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters.

(d)  This Act expires August 31, 2021.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.