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By:  Tinderholt H.B. No. 3725

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of traffic laws by private institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 600.003, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 600.003.  ENFORCEMENT OF [~~CERTAIN~~] TRAFFIC LAWS BY PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

SECTION 2.  Section 600.003(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A private or independent institution of higher education may enforce a traffic law of this state [~~under Chapter 545 restricting or prohibiting the operation or movement of vehicles~~] on a road of the institution if:

(1)  the road of the institution is open to the public at the time the traffic law is enforced; and

(2)  the governing body of the institution adopts a regulation to enforce the traffic law[~~; and~~

[~~(3)  the restriction or prohibition on the operation and movement of vehicles adopted by the institution:~~

[~~(A)  is posted by means of a sign, marking, signal, or other device visible to and, if it contains writing, able to be read by an operator of a vehicle to whom the restriction or prohibition applies in the same manner as a similar restriction or prohibition on the operation and movement of vehicles would be posted by a municipality; and~~

[~~(B)  has been approved by:~~

[~~(i)  the commissioners court of the county in which the applicable road of the institution is located, if the road is located in the unincorporated area of a county; or~~

[~~(ii)  the governing body of the municipality in which the applicable road of the institution is located, if the road is located in a municipality~~].

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.