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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~~

1 ~~prohibition on the operation and movement of vehicles would be~~
2 ~~posted by a municipality; and~~

3 ~~[(B) has been approved by:~~

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

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

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