

1-1 By: Menéndez, Lucio S.B. No. 991  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2019; March 1, 2019,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 April 11, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 4; April 11, 2019,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 991 By: Alvarado

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study on the issuance of digital identification.  
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-23 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:  
1-24 (1) "Department" and "driver's license" have the  
1-25 meanings assigned by Section 521.001, Transportation Code.  
1-26 (2) "Digital identification" includes digital  
1-27 driver's licenses and digital personal identification  
1-28 certificates.  
1-29 SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The department shall  
1-30 contract with a third party to conduct a study and create a report  
1-31 on the feasibility of issuing digital identification in this state.  
1-32 (b) The study must:  
1-33 (1) determine whether the department should establish  
1-34 a pilot program for the issuance of digital identification;  
1-35 (2) determine whether a person may use digital  
1-36 identification in the same manner as a physical driver's license or  
1-37 personal identification certificate, including whether  
1-38 circumstances exist under which a person may not use digital  
1-39 identification;  
1-40 (3) assess existing department infrastructure and  
1-41 identify changes required to issue digital identification in this  
1-42 state; and  
1-43 (4) evaluate existing mobile applications that:  
1-44 (A) are capable of displaying digital  
1-45 identification;  
1-46 (B) include an authentication and verification  
1-47 process for a wireless communication device; and  
1-48 (C) may be used in any location regardless of the  
1-49 location's level of wireless connectivity or cellular service.  
1-50 (c) Not later than December 1, 2022, the department shall  
1-51 submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the  
1-52 legislature the report created under Subsection (a) of this section  
1-53 that includes the findings of the study conducted under this  
1-54 section and any legislative recommendations based on the study.  
1-55 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires January 1,  
1-56 2023.  
1-57 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
1-58 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
1-59 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
1-60 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for

2-1 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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