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S.B. No. 1716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an independent advisory committee to assess the state's long-term transportation infrastructure and mobility needs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.623 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.623. INDEPENDENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND MOBILITY NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 2020 to 2050. (a) The commission shall appoint an advisory committee to develop an independent assessment of the state's transportation infrastructure and mobility needs for the years 2020 to 2050, including assessments of needs in the areas of:

- (1) pavement maintenance;
- (2) bridge maintenance;
- (3) urban mobility;
- (4) rural mobility and safety; and
- (5) nonhighway modes of transportation.

(b) The commission shall appoint to the advisory committee members to represent:

- (1) diverse geographic regions of the state;
- (2) diverse industries affected by transportation infrastructure and mobility issues; and
- (3) diverse transportation sectors.

1 (c) The advisory committee shall receive public input from
2 residents of this state by:

3 (1) holding public hearings in locations across the
4 state; and

5 (2) receiving comments through an Internet website, by
6 mail, and by other methods, if appropriate.

7 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the advisory committee
8 shall report the findings of the study and any recommendations to
9 the commission and to the members of the legislature.

10 (e) The committee is abolished and this section expires
11 January 1, 2021.

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