

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4021
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) currently issues specialty license plates for a wide variety of causes. The Skyline High School in Dallas is nationally recognized as one of the top schools in the country for its commitment to student success and well-being. There have been calls to honor alumni and faculty of the school by issuing a specialty license plate including the school's name. H.B. 4021 seeks to address this issue by requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates recognizing the Skyline High School in Dallas.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4021 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates that include the words "Skyline High School" and to design the plates in consultation with a representative of Skyline High School in the Dallas Independent School District. The bill requires the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates after deduction of TxDMV administrative costs to be deposited to the credit of an account in a trust fund created by the comptroller of public accounts outside the general revenue fund. The bill restricts the use of money deposited to that account to the Texas Education Agency to make grants to a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is promoting education.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.