By:  Powell S.B. No. 763

(In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2021; March 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; April 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

Seliger           X

Alvarado          X

Blanco            X

Hancock           X

Hinojosa          X

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the urban air mobility advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 21, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 21.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.004.  URBAN AIR MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall appoint an advisory committee to assess current state law and any potential changes to state law that are needed to facilitate the development of urban air mobility operations and infrastructure in this state.

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

(1)  diverse geographic regions of the state;

(2)  state and local law enforcement;

(3)  the urban air mobility industry;

(4)  transportation experts;

(5)  local governments; and

(6)  the general public.

(c)  The advisory committee shall:

(1)  hold public hearings in locations across the state or via electronic means; and

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

(d)  Not later than September 1, 2022, the advisory committee shall report to the commission and to the members of the legislature the committee's findings and recommendations on any changes to state law that are needed to facilitate the development of urban air mobility operations and infrastructure.

(e)  The advisory committee is abolished and this section expires January 1, 2023.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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