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H.B. No. 2503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to procedures governing a regional mobility authority in  
3 relation to certain federal public transportation funding.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 370, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 370.035 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 370.035. PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING CERTAIN FEDERAL  
8 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. (a) In this section, "designated  
9 recipient" and "urbanized area" have the meanings assigned by 49  
10 U.S.C. Section 5302, as that section existed on January 1, 2021.

11 (b) An authority may not apply for funding under 49 U.S.C.  
12 Section 5307 without the approval of the department.

13 (c) The department may not give approval to an authority to  
14 apply for funding under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 unless the authority  
15 becomes a designated recipient.

16 (d) For purposes of becoming a designated recipient of  
17 funding under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, an authority must:

18 (1) demonstrate to the department the appropriate  
19 expertise, financial resources, and gaps in regional transit  
20 service; and

21 (2) provide the department with documentation of  
22 concurrence in the selection of the designated recipient, or any  
23 successor documentation required by federal law, by the providers  
24 of publicly owned public transportation service in the applicable

1 urbanized area.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.