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H.B. No. 2503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 urbanized area.

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