

1-1 By: Ashby, Landgraf, Muñoz, Jr. H.B. No. 3395  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;  
 1-4 May 3, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Transportation; May 5, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 5, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-16	X			
1-17			X	

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the knowledge test required for a commercial driver's  
 1-21 license.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 522.023(b) and (d), Transportation  
 1-24 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-25 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the [The]  
 1-26 knowledge test must be conducted by the department. The department  
 1-27 shall provide each applicant who has a reading impairment an  
 1-28 opportunity to take the knowledge test orally or, at the  
 1-29 applicant's option, the applicant may have the questions read to  
 1-30 the applicant and may answer in writing.

1-31 (d) The department may authorize a person, including an  
 1-32 agency of this or another state, an employer, a private driver  
 1-33 training facility or other private institution, or a department,  
 1-34 agency, or instrumentality of local government, to:

1-35 (1) administer the skills test specified by this  
 1-36 section if:

1-37 (A) [~~(1)~~] the test is the same that would be  
 1-38 administered by the department; and

1-39 (B) [~~(2)~~] the person has entered into an  
 1-40 agreement with the department that complies with 49 C.F.R. Section  
 1-41 383.75; or

1-42 (2) administer the knowledge test specified by this  
 1-43 section if:

1-44 (A) the test is the same that would be  
 1-45 administered by the department;

1-46 (B) the administration of the test is authorized  
 1-47 by federal law; and

1-48 (C) the person provides each applicant who has a  
 1-49 reading impairment an opportunity to, at the applicant's option:

1-50 (i) take the knowledge test orally; or

1-51 (ii) have the questions read to the  
 1-52 applicant and answer in writing.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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