

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 975
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Police officer Richard Houston II was killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call. H.B. 975 seeks to commemorate the life of Richard Houston II by designating the entire portion of Interstate Highway 635 that is within the City of Mesquite as the Officer Richard Houston II Memorial Highway.

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. 975 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of Interstate Highway 635 in the municipal limits of Mesquite as the Officer Richard Houston II Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Officer Richard Houston II Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.