

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2053
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) currently issues specialty license plates for a wide variety of causes. The Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center in Dallas is nationally recognized as one of the top schools in the country for its commitment to student success and well-being. There have been calls to honor alumni and faculty of the school by issuing a specialty license plate including the school's name. H.B. 2053 requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates recognizing the Dallas school.

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. 2053 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates for alumni and faculty of and students and parents of students attending the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center in Dallas. The license plates must include the words "Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center" and the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center's logo. The bill prohibits the fee for issuance of the plates from exceeding the administrative costs incurred by TxDMV in the issuance of the plates.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.