

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 323  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Waller County has four major Texas Department of Transportation corridors, including FM 359, FM 362, I-10, and U.S. 290. Many commercial motor vehicles use these corridors to travel through Waller County. However, Waller County currently does not have the authority to enforce certain commercial motor vehicle safety standards despite surrounding counties having this authority. S.B. 323 seeks to address this issue by making a sheriff or deputy sheriff of Waller County eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

### **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**

S.B. 323 amends the Transportation Code to make a sheriff or deputy sheriff of a county with a population of more than 50,000 and less than 90,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 4,000,000 eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2023.