

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 508
By: Perry
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In May 2021, a deadly shooting in Eden, Texas, saw two officers of the Concho County Sheriff's Department tragically killed in the line of duty, Sergeant Stephen Jones and Deputy Samuel Leonard. S.B. 508 seeks to memorialize Sergeant Stephen Jones, his dedicated law enforcement career, and his service to Texas by designating the portion of FM 765 in Concho County as the Sergeant Stephen Jones 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

S.B. 508 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of FM 765 in Concho County as the Sergeant Stephen Jones Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to do the following:

- design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Sergeant Stephen Jones Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and
- erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.