

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1524
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Improving infrastructure and maintenance for Texas military bases to ensure proper functionality of service to the citizens of Texas is essential. The 87th Legislature passed H.B. 3399 (S.B. 1910) to amend the Transportation Code to authorize the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist in the provision of services for military installations. However, TxDOT is limited in only providing road services to these federal entities while these entities would like to enter into contracts with TxDOT to provide ancillary services.

S.B. 1524 will expand the Transportation Code to give TxDOT the authority to contract with federal government entities to provide ancillary department services, including road maintenance, improvement, relocation, runway aviation, fencing, or extension services for military installations and other federal entities operating in Texas.

S.B. 1524 amends current law relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide department services on federal military property.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 201.1056(a), Transportation Code, as follows:

- (a) Authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist with the provision of any TxDOT services, including road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services, for military installations.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.