

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1524
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The improvement of infrastructure and maintenance for military installations in Texas is essential in order to ensure their proper functionality. The 87th Legislature passed H.B. 3399, which authorized the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist with the provision of certain road services for military installations. Despite the desire to be able to enter into agreements for other types of services, TxDOT is limited by that legislation to only agreements for those road services. S.B. 1524 seeks to address this issue by expanding the scope of that authority to allow for agreements regarding the provision of any TxDOT services for military installations.

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. 1524 amends the Transportation Code to expand the scope of the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense or another federal entity that allows TxDOT to assist with the provision of road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services for military installations by including the provision of any TxDOT services for military installations.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.