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H.B. No. 3843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report by the Texas Department of  
Transportation regarding toll project entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of  
Transportation.

(2) "Toll project" has the meaning assigned by Section  
201.001(b), Transportation Code.

(3) "Toll project entity" means an entity that  
operates a toll project, including:

(A) the department under Chapter 228,  
Transportation Code;

(B) a regional tollway authority under Chapter  
366, Transportation Code;

(C) a regional mobility authority under Chapter  
370, Transportation Code; or

(D) a county under Chapter 284, Transportation  
Code.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The department shall conduct a study  
comparing the practices and operations of toll project entities  
statewide.

(b) The study must include a comparison of:

(1) toll operations;

- 1           (2) error rates;
- 2           (3) customer complaints;
- 3           (4) speed of processing;
- 4           (5) billing practices; and
- 5           (6) any other factors the department deems
- 6 appropriate.

7           SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2024, the  
8 department shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
9 and the legislature a written report of the findings of the study.

10          SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires May 1, 2025.

11          SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
12 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
13 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
14 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
15 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.