

**BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2638  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The bill author has informed the committee that Panola County Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson was killed in the line of duty on December 31, 2019, and that he was a faithful public servant, an Army national guardsman for eight years, a volunteer firefighter, a softball coach, and husband to Krista and father to their two daughters, Kensley and Chelsey. H.B. 2638 seeks to honor his sacrifice by designating Farm-to-Market Road 10 in Panola County as the Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson 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**

H.B. 2638 amends the Transportation Code to designate Farm-to-Market Road 10 in Panola County as the Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson Memorial Highway, in addition to any other designation. 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 Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson 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, 2025.