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S.B. No. 1769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of state money for high-speed rail operated by a
3 private entity and to the construction of certain high-speed rail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 91, Transportation Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. HIGH-SPEED RAIL

8 Sec. 91.130. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "high-speed

9 rail" means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably

10 expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

11 Sec. 91.131. CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL. The
12 department shall enter into a comprehensive development agreement
13 with a private entity to construct, maintain, and operate
14 high-speed rail connecting Houston to Austin.

15 SECTION 2. Section 199.003, Transportation Code, is
16 repealed.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.