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S.B. No. 1769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

SUBCHAPTER G. HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Sec. 91.130. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "high-speed rail" means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

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

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 Section 199.003, Transportation Code, is repealed.

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