By: Cook of Harris S.B. No. 371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of state money for intercity passenger rail operated by a private entity and to the construction of certain intercity passenger 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. INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

Sec. 91.130. CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL. The department shall enter into a comprehensive development agreement with a private entity to construct, maintain, and operate intercity passenger rail connecting Houston to Austin.

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 Section 199.003, Transportation Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.