

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

When Section 456.008, Transportation Code, was enacted, metropolitan transit authorities (MTAs) received state funding and were therefore bound by the reporting requirement. Since MTAs no longer receive state funding, there has been confusion as to whether they must continue to prepare the required reports or not. H.B. 1980 would require reporting on the performance of certain public transportation providers.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1980 requires reporting on the performance of certain public transportation providers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Transportation Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 456.008(a), Transportation Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 456.008(a) and (b), Transportation Code, to require the Texas Transportation Commission (commission), by rule, to prepare and issue a report on the performance of public transportation providers in this state that received state or federal funding during the previous 12-month period. Requires the commission to establish different performance measures for different sectors of the transit industry. Requires the performance measures to assess the efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of public transportation providers. Deletes existing text of Subsection (b), regarding what is required to be included in a report for each provider.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.