

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas lacks a port authority to build and operate infrastructure and to expedite commerce within the nineteen counties adjacent with the Texas-Mexico border. C.S.S.B. 465 establishes a task force to study the validity of creating border port of entry authorities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. Defines “authority,” “border region,” “department,” and “task force.”

SECTION 2. BORDER PORT OF ENTRY AUTHORITY TASK FORCE. Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to establish a Border Port of Entry Authority Task Force to study transportation and the movement of goods through the border region.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP. (a) Provides that the task force is composed of certain members.

(b) Requires the member representing the department to serve as the presiding officer of the task force.

SECTION 4. ASSISTANCE; EXPENSES. (a) Requires the department to provide staff necessary to assist the task force in performing its duties.

(b) Provides that a task force member is not entitled to compensation. Provides that each entity with a member on the task force is responsible for that member’s expenses.

SECTION 5. TASK FORCE DUTIES. Requires the task force to study and consider certain matters.

SECTION 6. CONSULTATION. Requires the task force to consult with the department and each metropolitan planning organization whose planning area includes a portion of the border region.

SECTION 7. REPORT. (a) Requires the department to prepare a report of the findings and recommendations of the task force. Authorizes the department to include its own recommendations in the report.

(b) Authorizes the department to contract with a private entity or a university to prepare the report.

(c) Requires the department, not later than January 15, 2003, to submit the report to certain state officials.

SECTION 8. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Provides that Chapter 2110 (State Agency

Advisory Committees), Government Code, does not apply to the task force.

SECTION 9. EXPIRATION. Provides that the task force is abolished and this Act expires January 15, 2003.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 465, as follows:

- Redefines “authority.” Deletes previously proposed definitions for “board” and “commissioner.”
- Deletes previously proposed additions to the Local Government Code: Subchapter B (CREATION OF AUTHORITY), Sections 386.051 through 386.060; Subchapter C (AUTHORITY POWERS AND DUTIES), Sections 386.101 through 386.111; Subchapter D (BOARD ORGANIZATION), Sections 386.151 through 386.154; Subchapter E (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS), Sections 386.201 through 386.207; and Subchapter F (DISSOLUTION), Sections 386.251 through 386.255.

SECTION 2. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding BORDER PORT OF ENTRY AUTHORITY TASK FORCE.

SECTION 3. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 4. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding ASSISTANCE; EXPENSES.

SECTION 5. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding TASK FORCE DUTIES.

SECTION 6. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding CONSULTATION.

SECTION 7. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding REPORT.

SECTION 8. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.

SECTION 9. Adds new proposed SECTION regarding EXPIRATION.

SECTION 10. Renumbered from SECTION 2 as effective date.