BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerns have been raised about the lack of instruction regarding the safe operation of a vehicle near an oversize or overweight vehicle in the curriculum for driver education courses. It has been suggested that the inclusion of this information in the curriculum would help inform motorists of safe following distances and passing methods when sharing the road with these vehicles. H.B. 105 seeks to address this issue by requiring the inclusion of this information in the curriculum for these courses.

H.B. 105 amends the Education Code to require the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation by rule to require that information relating to methods of safely operating a motor vehicle near an oversize or overweight vehicle, including safe following distances and safe passing methods, be included in the curriculum of each driver education course and driving safety course.

H.B. 105 amends current law relating to the inclusion of information about oversize and overweight vehicles in the curriculum of driver education and driving safety courses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in SECTION 1 (Section 1001.1092, Education Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, by adding Section 1001.1092, as follows:

Sec. 1001.1092. INFORMATION RELATING TO OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES. Requires the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) by rule to require that information relating to methods of safely operating a motor vehicle near an oversize or overweight vehicle, including safe following distances and safe passing methods, be included in the curriculum of each driver education course and driving safety course.

SECTION 2. (a) Requires TCLR, not later than March 1, 2020, to adopt the rules required by Section 1001.1092, Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Requires each provider of a driver education course or driving safety course, not later than September 1, 2020, to submit the curriculum adopted pursuant to Section 1001.1092, Education Code, as added by this Act, to TCLR for approval.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.