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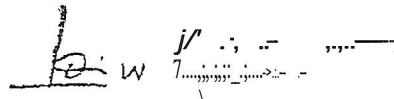
Adopted Riders, Article VII

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By:


for Karri Burton

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Rider Amendment
Reporting Requirements

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/05/2015

Overview

Amend Rider 14, Reporting Requirements, in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to require TxDOT to notify House and Senate members when TxDOT receives written notification of a proposed rail or toll road project within each member's district, regardless of whether the project includes state or federal funding.

Required Action

On page VIJ-24 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, amend subsection (d) of the following rider:

14. Reporting Requirements.

d. Toll Project, Rail Project, and Toll Project Entities.

The Department of Transportation shall provide to each member of the House and Senate, unless a member requests it not be provided, notification of:

- (1) all rail projects, toll road projects, and turnpike projects included in the draft Unified Transportation Program located within each member of the House and Senate's district no later than 10 days after being identified and at least 2 business days prior to public release of the draft Unified Transportation Program;
- (2) the receipt of an application requesting approval to create a regional mobility authority or regional tollway authority located within each member of the House and Senate's district no later than 10 days after receipt of an application and of the Transportation Commission's consideration of an application no later than 10 days prior to commission action;
- (3) any toll authority or regional mobility authority board member within each member of the House and Senate's district who discloses to the department that the board member owns or participates in any holding included in a proposed project immediately after the department receives that information; and
- (4) the receipt of written notification for a proposed passenger rail or toll road project within each member of the House and Senate's district, whether or not it involves any state or federal funding, no later than 10 days after receipt.

By: _____



Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/15/2015

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation to prohibit the use of appropriations from state funds for the purpose of subsidizing or assisting in the construction of high-speed passenger rail.

Required Action

On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail. None of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Transportation from state funds may be used for the purposes of subsidizing or assisting in the construction of high-speed passenger rail. For the purposes of this section, high-speed rail means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least **110** miles per hour.

By: _____

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Texas Border Infrastructure

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2015

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation to direct the agency to consider certain factors when distributing funding to districts located along the border between Texas and Mexico.

Required Action

On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Texas Border Infrastructure.** When allocating state and federal transportation funds to the Department of Transportation's districts located within 50 miles of the Texas-Mexico border, out of funds for which the department has the discretion to distribute, the Department of Transportation shall consider factors related to the movement of people and goods through the land border ports of entry within the boundaries of the state, including but not limited to the number of incoming commercial trucks and railcars, the number of incoming personal motor vehicles and buses, the weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and the number of land border ports of entry.

By: Hinojosa

Texas Workforce Commission
Adult Education and Family Literacy Workforce Diploma Program Pilot Project

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that authorizes the Texas Workforce Commission to use general revenue dedicated to the Adult Education and Literacy Program to expand its eligible providers. This pilot project would allow TWC to partner with non-profit or other private providers that can help improve the program's reach and impact, including working with organizations that award high school diplomas through flexible online coursework and partnering with companies that provide participants access to laptop computers and the Internet. This rider for the pilot project has no fiscal impact beyond what is already authorized for the Adult Education and Literacy Program.

Required Action

On page VII-35 in Strategy A1.9, Adult Education and Family Literacy bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____ . Adult Education and Family Literacy Workforce Diploma Program Pilot Project. The Texas Workforce Commission is hereby authorized to use funds appropriated above in Strategy A1.9, Adult Education and Family Literacy, to develop and implement a workforce diploma program pilot project with non-profit organizations or other private entities to provide program services designed to facilitate increased participation in adult diploma and technical training programs and more effective job placement outcomes in high demand job fields. The workforce diploma program pilot project shall include a graduation plan designed to lead to an accredited high school diploma; comprehensive career/college preparation program including research tools, and career readiness soft skills training; technical training; facilitated transition to employment Federal funds appropriated for adult basic education may only be used to the extent allowable under Federal regulations. The Commission shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, no later than November 1, 2016, a report that includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot project detailing number of graduates and successful job placements, as well as earnings for successful graduates.