

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 1024
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Homeland Security & Public Safety
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised that certain airport security vehicles are not currently authorized to use important safety equipment. C.S.S.B. 1024 seeks to enhance public safety and airport security by authorizing these vehicles to be equipped with flashing blue and amber lights visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 1024 amends the Transportation Code to authorize an airport security motor vehicle that is owned or leased by a joint airport board and has been designated or authorized by the joint airport board to be equipped with flashing blue and amber lights visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.S.B. 1024 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

SENATE ENGROSSED

SECTION 1. Section 547.305, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 22, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 22.091 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.091. AIRPORT SECURITY VEHICLES.

(a) In this section, "airport security vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

(e-1) An emergency management or airport security vehicle may be equipped with flashing blue and amber lights visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle. In this subsection, "emergency management or airport security vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:
(1) is owned or leased by a joint board created under Section 22.074; and
(2) has been designated or authorized by the joint board.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

(1) is owned or leased by a joint board; and
(2) has been designated or authorized by the joint board.

(b) An airport security vehicle may be equipped with flashing blue and amber lights visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

SECTION 2. Same as engrossed version.