

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1522
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

According to interested parties, the aviation advisory committee, which provides input to the Texas Department of Transportation on its aviation development programs, would operate more efficiently with flexibility in determining the number of members on the committee as necessary. S.B. 1522 seeks to address this issue by requiring the Texas Transportation Commission by rule to determine the number of members of the aviation advisory committee.

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 rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Transportation Commission in SECTION 1 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1522 amends the Transportation Code to remove the specification that the aviation advisory committee has six members and instead require the Texas Transportation Commission by rule to determine the number of members of the committee. The bill replaces the requirement for a committee member to have five years of successful experience as an aircraft pilot, an aircraft facilities manager, or a fixed-base operator with a requirement for a majority of the committee members to have five years of such experience. The bill requires the commission to adopt the required rules not later than September 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.