

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 402
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties have raised concerns regarding a lack of awareness among individuals with disabilities of a certain entitlement to use the services of a public transportation provider outside of their home area. S.B. 402 seeks to address this issue by providing for certain notice of such entitlement.

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

S.B. 402 amends the Transportation Code to require a public transportation provider that provides public transportation services designed for people with disabilities who are unable to use the provider's bus or rail services, to the extent practicable within available resources, to notify individuals who are certified by the provider as eligible to use the provider's services that the individuals are entitled to use another provider's service for not more than 21 days without an additional application.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.