

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1249
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to honor the life and service of State Trooper Damon Allen. C.S.H.B. 1249 seeks to provide this recognition by designating a portion of U.S. Highway 84 as the Trooper Damon Allen Memorial Highway.

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.H.B. 1249 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 84 in Limestone County as the Trooper Damon Allen Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Damon Allen Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1249 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute changes the designation name from the Damon Allen Memorial Highway to the Trooper Damon Allen Memorial Highway.