

- SUBJECT:** Prohibiting certain pedestrian movement near train cars at crossings
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Canales, Landgraf, Bernal, Goldman, Hefner, Krause, Leman, Ortega, Raney, Thierry, E. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Y. Davis, Martinez
- WITNESSES:** For — Cheryl Southwell, Houston Police Department; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Lindsay Mullins, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway; Gary Pedigo, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen; Mark Malone, Dallas Police Association; Kamron Saunders, Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation Union; Mackenna Wehmeyer, Texas Rail Advocates; Dennis Kearns, Texas Railroad Association; Michael Grimes, Texas Shortline and Regional Railroad Association; Rene Lara, Texas AFL-CIO; Chelsy Hutchison, Union Pacific Railroad; Carolyn Cook, United States Department of Transportation)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code, ch. 552 governs rules of the road for pedestrians.
- Some note that the movement of pedestrians in front of, under, between, or through the cars of moving or stationary trains causes a safety hazard for pedestrians, rail operators and other vehicles.
- DIGEST:** HB 2775 would prohibit pedestrians from moving in front of, under, between, or through the cars of a moving or stationary train occupying any part of a railroad grade crossing.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.