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| SUBJECT: | Contracting a third-party study on the process of issuing driver's licenses |
| COMMITTEE: | Homeland Security and Public Safety — favorable, without amendment |
| VOTE: | 8 ayes — Nevárez, Paul, Burns, Calanni, Clardy, Goodwin, Lang, Tinderholt 0 nays 1 absent — Israel |
| WITNESSES: | For — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Caitlin McClune, Austin Justice Coalition) Against — None On — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Shelly Mellott, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; Stephen Bell, Texas Department of Public Safety) |
| DIGEST: | <p>HB 3755 would require the Texas Department of Public Safety to contract with a third party to conduct a study on improving the process of issuing driver's licenses in the state. The study would have to examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the process for issuing driver's licenses in Texas, including metrics on the time between application for and receipt of a driver's license;• technological advancements in the issuance of driver's licenses, including the development of digital driver's licenses;• the procedures for issuing driver's licenses in other states; and• best practices for issuing driver's licenses. <p>The department would be required to submit a report containing the study's findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the Legislature by May 1, 2020. The bill's provisions would expire September 1, 2020.</p> |

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.