

**SUBJECT:** Revising transfer provisions for the identification fee exemption account

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 24 ayes — Bonnen, M. González, Allison, Bryant, DeAyala, Gates, Gervin-Hawkins, Howard, Isaac, Jetton, Martinez, Martinez Fischer, Morrison, Orr, Ortega, Rose, Spiller, Stucky, Tepper, E. Thompson, Toth, VanDeaver, Walle, Wu

0 nays

3 absent — C. Bell, Jarvis Johnson, Thimesch

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Amanda Aubrey, Texas Council on Family Violence)

Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that waiving fees for personal identification certificates could provide additional support for certain victims of domestic violence.

**DIGEST:** HB 963 would add the fee exemption for identification certificates for victims of dating violence or family violence, or the child of a victim, to the list of exemptions that must be considered prior to the Department of Transportation making a transfer from the Identification Fee Exemption Account to the Texas Workforce Commission.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.