

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

S.B. 843  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is required to study certain issues as agreed in the La Paz Agreement between Mexico and the United States. Under Annex III, an agreement dealing with the regulation of transboundary shipments of hazardous waste and substances, waste shipped from Mexico to the United States must be disposed of properly. This bill requires the commission to study the cost effectiveness of an electronic tracking system used to track the quantity of hazardous waste required to be returned to the United States under terms of the La Paz Agreement.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 843 requires the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to study the cost effectiveness of an electronic tracking system used to track the quantity of hazardous waste required to be returned to the United States under terms of the La Paz Agreement.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Requires the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) to conduct a study of the cost and effectiveness of an electronic tracking system used to track the quantity of hazardous waste required to be returned to the United States under terms of the La Paz Agreement. Requires the commission to submit a report containing the results of the study to certain persons, not later than January 15, 1999.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.