

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin is the oldest, continuing, tax-supported, locally-controlled secondary school in Texas. It first opened its doors on September 14, 1881. The school has a tradition of academic and athletic achievement. The school's football team, known as the Austin High Maroons, will have its 100th season in the fall of 2001. H.B. 3744 authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation to issue a specially designed license plate to honor the 100th football season of Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3744 requires the issuance of special license plates in honor of the 100th football season of Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.298, as follows:

Sec. 502.298. 100TH FOOTBALL SEASON OF STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks in honor of the 100th football season of Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin.

(b) Provides that the license plates must be of a color, quality, and design approved by the principal of Stephen F. Austin High School in consultation with TxDOT.

(c) Requires TxDOT to issue license plates to a person who applies to the assessor collector of the county in which the person resides on a form provided by TxDOT, and pays an annual fee of \$50 in addition to other prescribed fees.

(d) Requires TxDOT to send \$35 of each fee collected under this section to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to the Austin Independent School District to be used only for the benefit of the Austin High School Athletic Department. Requires the remainder of each fee collected under this section to be deposited to the credit of the state highway funds.

(e) Provides that this section expires January 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.