

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) is required to inventory, inspect, and appraise all bridge structures on public roads and to ensure that notices are posted limiting the maximum load allowed on a bridge not capable of supporting the maximum legal limits. S.B. 1495 would require the governmental entities to submit to TxDot structural design plans for newly constructed and rehabilitated bridges.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1495 provides for the construction and rehabilitation of bridges.

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 Chapter 201J, Transportation Code, by adding Section 201.804, as follows:

Sec. 201.804. SUBMISSION OF BRIDGE DESIGN PLANS TO DEPARTMENT. Provides that this section applies to certain governmental entities of this state that are authorized by law to construct or maintain public roads. Requires the governmental entity to submit to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) the structural plans for the bridge and any supporting documents required by the department, Before the 31st day after the date the construction or rehabilitation of the bridge is completed. Requires TxDot to use information submitted under Subsection (b) as necessary in seeking to comply with 23 C.F.R. Part 650, Subpart C.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.