Amend CSHB 300 (House committee printing) in ARTICLE 1 of the bill by adding the following SECTION to that ARTICLE and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 1.____. Section 201.403, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

- (a-1) The department is not required to comply with the requirements of Subsection (a) when the department transfers or reassigns an employee:
- (1) as part of a reorganization if the director certifies that the transfer or reassignment is necessary for the proper implementation of the reorganization; or
- (2) to fill a vacancy during a hiring freeze mandated by the legislature.