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S.B. No. 316

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of railroad quiet zones outside the
3 boundaries of certain municipalities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 311, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 311.054 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 311.054. RAILROAD QUIET ZONE LOCATED OUTSIDE TYPE A
8 GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY. (a) This section applies only to a Type
9 A general-law municipality that is an enclave surrounded entirely
10 by a municipality with a population of 1.1 million or more.

11 (b) The governing body of the general-law municipality may
12 enter into an interlocal contract with the surrounding municipality
13 for the establishment of a railroad quiet zone located outside the
14 boundaries of the general-law municipality that the governing body
15 determines will benefit the general-law municipality.

16 (c) A general-law municipality may expend municipal funds
17 and may issue certificates of obligation or bonds to pay for
18 expenses associated with a railroad quiet zone under Subsection
19 (b), including expenses related to feasibility, engineering, and
20 traffic studies and improvements related to the railroad quiet
21 zone.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.