

1-1 By: Burkett, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 790
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	Huffines	X		
1-10	Ellis		X	
1-11	Fraser	X		
1-12	Garcia		X	
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hancock	X		
1-15	Kolkhorst	X		
1-16	Taylor of Collin	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on the implementation and effectiveness of
1-20 sound mitigation measures on certain highways.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas A&M Transportation Institute
1-23 shall conduct a study assessing the implementation and
1-24 effectiveness of sound mitigation measures on highways that are
1-25 part of the state highway system and toll roads or turnpikes under
1-26 the jurisdiction of a toll project entity as defined by Section
1-27 372.001, Transportation Code. The study must include:

1-28 (1) an analysis of the process and methodology used by
1-29 the Texas Department of Transportation or toll project entity for
1-30 selecting and implementing sound mitigation measures, including
1-31 factors that affect the process and how outcomes are determined;

1-32 (2) an analysis of whether any kind of live testing is
1-33 conducted at any point to determine the actual traffic noise level
1-34 for neighboring properties;

1-35 (3) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the process
1-36 and methodology described by Subdivision (1) of this subsection in
1-37 reducing the traffic noise level for neighboring properties; and

1-38 (4) an evaluation of the effectiveness of implemented
1-39 sound mitigation measures in reducing the traffic noise level for
1-40 neighboring properties.

1-41 (b) Not later than November 1, 2016, the Texas A&M
1-42 Transportation Institute shall submit a report on the results of
1-43 the study and any recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant
1-44 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
1-45 presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature
1-46 with jurisdiction over transportation matters.

1-47 (c) This Act expires August 31, 2017.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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