

1-1 By: Buckingham S.B. No. 941
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2021; March 11, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 March 25, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 25, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-11	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 941 By: Seliger

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the adoption of a state scenic byways program.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 391, Transportation Code,
 1-24 is amended by adding Section 391.256 to read as follows:
 1-25 Sec. 391.256. SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM. (a) The department
 1-26 shall plan, design, and establish a program for designating
 1-27 highways as State Scenic Byways.
 1-28 (b) The program must include a process by which the
 1-29 department:
 1-30 (1) receives proposals from political subdivisions or
 1-31 other community groups approved by the department for funding
 1-32 projects in accordance with 23 U.S.C. Section 162;
 1-33 (2) applies for grants under 23 U.S.C. Section 162 for
 1-34 the projects; and
 1-35 (3) allows an applicant who consents to pay for the
 1-36 costs of the projects that are not covered by grants made under 23
 1-37 U.S.C. Section 162.
 1-38 (c) A highway must be designated as a State Scenic Byway
 1-39 under the program established by this section before the department
 1-40 applies for a grant under Subsection (b)(2) for a project related to
 1-41 the highway.
 1-42 (d) The department may use money from the state highway fund
 1-43 to pay for the costs of a project that are not covered by a grant
 1-44 made under 23 U.S.C. Section 162.
 1-45 (e) The department may only designate a highway described by
 1-46 Section 391.252 as a State Scenic Byway.
 1-47 (f) The commission by rule shall prohibit outdoor
 1-48 advertising in a manner consistent with 23 U.S.C. Section 131(s) on
 1-49 a State Scenic Byway designated under this section.
 1-50 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas
 1-51 Department of Transportation shall establish the program required
 1-52 by Section 391.256, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, and
 1-53 the Texas Transportation Commission shall adopt rules as necessary
 1-54 to implement that section.
 1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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