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) During the period of a hiring freeze that the legislature requires the department to implement, the department is not required to comply with Subsection (a) if a vacancy in a position to which that subsection applies can be and is filled by the transfer or reassignment of a department employee.