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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to water research conducted by The University of Texas  
Bureau of Economic Geology.

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

SECTION 1. Title 2, Water Code, is amended by adding  
Subtitle G to read as follows:

SUBTITLE G. WATER RESEARCH

CHAPTER 39. INTEGRATED WATER RESEARCH

Sec. 39.0101. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "bureau" means  
The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology.

Sec. 39.0102. MONITORING AND MODELING. (a) The bureau  
shall collect monitoring data related to surface water and  
groundwater and the integration of surface water and groundwater.  
For purposes of this section, the bureau may collect data related to  
soil or atmospheric moisture, if appropriate.

(b) The bureau shall use the data collected under Subsection  
(a) to create a system of comprehensive surface water and  
groundwater models, including models of the integration of surface  
water and groundwater.

Sec. 39.0103. COOPERATION. As is necessary to carry out its  
duties under this chapter, the bureau may cooperate with:

- (1) Texas A&M University;
- (2) Texas Tech University;
- (3) a state agency; or

1           (4) a private entity.

2           Sec. 39.0104. RESULTS. The bureau shall make the results of  
3 the monitoring and modeling required by this chapter available to  
4 state agencies and state institutions of higher education.

5           Sec. 39.0105. PUBLIC INFORMATION EXEMPTION. The data and  
6 models produced as required by this chapter are not subject to  
7 disclosure under Chapter [552](#), Government Code.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.