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H.B. No. 4204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study and report on the water level of Falcon Lake in  
3 Zapata and Starr Counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY. The Parks and Wildlife Department and the  
6 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall jointly conduct a  
7 study on the water level of Falcon Lake in Zapata and Starr  
8 Counties. The study must:

9 (1) evaluate the optimum water level for recreational  
10 fishing on the lake; and

11 (2) examine the factors that contribute to or are  
12 affected by the rise and fall of the lake's water levels, including  
13 flood control, conservation, and hydroelectric power projects.

14 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the  
15 Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Commission on  
16 Environmental Quality shall submit to the governor, lieutenant  
17 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a report that  
18 includes:

19 (1) the findings of the study conducted under Section  
20 1 of this Act; and

21 (2) recommendations to achieve and maintain the  
22 optimum water level for recreational fishing on Falcon Lake,  
23 consistent with the purpose of the lake's construction.

24 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires September 1,

1 2023.

2 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
3 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
4 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
5 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
6 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.