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H.B. No. 1830

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the Texas A&M Forest Service to
3 identify urban areas with a canopy coverage disparity and plant
4 trees in those areas.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 88.1105 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 88.1105. PLANTING TREES IN URBAN AREAS WITH CANOPY
9 COVERAGE DISPARITY. (a) The Texas A&M Forest Service may partner
10 with a political subdivision to identify an area in an urban area
11 with a disparity in canopy coverage in comparison to other areas in
12 the same political subdivision.

13 (b) On identification of an area under Subsection (a), the
14 Texas A&M Forest Service, in collaboration with the political
15 subdivision, may plant trees in the area.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.