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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to a study by the attorney general on the feasibility of
- 3 linking debit card transactions to bullion in the Texas Bullion
- 4 Depository.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:
- 7 (1) "Bullion" has the meaning assigned by Section
- 8 2116.001, Government Code.
- 9 (2) "Depository" means the Texas Bullion Depository
- 10 established under Chapter 2116, Government Code.
- 11 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The attorney general shall conduct a
- 12 study on the feasibility of a program that provides for debit cards
- 13 to be able to be used in transactions linked to and accounted for by
- 14 bullion in the depository.
- 15 (b) In conducting the study, the attorney general shall
- 16 examine:
- 17 (1) whether certain state and local taxes would apply
- 18 to transactions made through the program;
- 19 (2) how the state might protect participants in the
- 20 program from federal attempts to tax the bullion as currency; and
- 21 (3) any other legal considerations.
- (c) The attorney general shall solicit and accept input from
- 23 the public in conducting the study.
- 24 (d) The attorney general may collaborate with the

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- 1 appropriate standing committees of the house of representatives and
- 2 the senate in conducting the study.
- 3 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than May 31, 2026, the
- 4 attorney general shall submit to the governor, the comptroller, and
- 5 the speaker of the house of representatives a written report on the
- 6 study required under this Act that includes any legislative
- 7 recommendations based on the study.
- 8 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires June 1, 2026.
- 9 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
- 10 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
- 11 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
- 12 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
- 13 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.