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H.B. No. 1236

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on electric unmanned aircraft capable of or
3 designed for vertical take-off and landing and the facilities
4 needed to develop that technology in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 437, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 437.120 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 437.120. STUDY ON eVTOL AIRCRAFT; EXPIRATION. (a) In
9 this section:

10 (1) "AFWERX" means the division of the United States
11 Department of the Air Force charged with researching, developing,
12 and implementing new technologies for military use.

13 (2) "eVTOL aircraft" means an unmanned aircraft that
14 is capable of or is designed for vertical take-off and landing using
15 electric power.

16 (b) The department shall conduct a study on the resources
17 available for the research, development, validation, and
18 implementation of eVTOL aircraft and similar technologies in this
19 state.

20 (c) The study must include recommendations for the creation
21 of an integrated network of facilities to research, develop, field
22 test, validate, and implement the use and manufacture of eVTOL
23 aircraft and similar technologies in this state. The
24 recommendations regarding an integrated network of facilities must

1 specify that the facilities meet or exceed the research and
2 development capabilities of AFWERX.

3 (d) Not later than June 1, 2026, the department shall submit
4 a written report to the governor and the legislature on the study
5 conducted under this section, including the recommendations
6 required by Subsection (c).

7 (e) This section expires September 1, 2027.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.