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H.B. No. 1245

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a prohibition on the use of water on nonresidential
3 property to irrigate nonfunctional turf during a drought.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.1272(c), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) A [~~By May 1, 2005, a~~] drought contingency plan required
8 by commission rule adopted under this section must:

9 (1) include specific, quantified targets for water use
10 reductions that are:

11 (A) to be achieved during periods of water
12 shortages and drought; and

13 (B) established by the [~~The~~] entity preparing
14 the plan;

15 (2) prohibit the use of water on nonresidential
16 property to irrigate nonfunctional turf, as defined by commission
17 rule, during periods of water shortages and drought; and

18 (3) include methods for enforcing compliance with the
19 prohibition described by Subdivision (2) [~~shall establish the~~
20 ~~targets~~].

21 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas
22 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules necessary to
23 implement Section 11.1272(c), Water Code, as amended by this Act.

24 (b) Not later than May 1, 2026, a wholesale or retail public

1 water supplier or an irrigation district required to develop a
2 drought contingency plan under Section [11.1272](#), Water Code, shall
3 update that plan to implement Section [11.1272\(c\)](#), Water Code, as
4 amended by this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.