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H.B. No. 1639

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

(2) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(3) "Registry" means the cancer registry established under Chapter 82, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The department, in collaboration with the commission and using registry information, shall conduct a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

(c) In conducting the study, the department and commission shall, using registry information and data collected from readily available sources, compare cancer rates among female firefighters in this state to cancer rates among other women, focusing on cancers specific to women, including ovarian and breast cancer.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2026:

(1) the department shall prepare and submit to the legislature a written report containing the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action; and

(2) the department and commission shall make the

1 report publicly available by posting the report on the agencies'
2 and registry's respective Internet websites.

3 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2027.

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