

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 1762
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1762 By: Averitt

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board regarding
1-11 the impact of climate change on surface water supplies from the
1-12 portion of the Rio Grande in Texas subject to the Rio Grande
1-13 Compact.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "board" means the Texas
1-16 Water Development Board.

1-17 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The board, in coordination with the
1-18 Far West Texas Regional Water Planning Group established pursuant
1-19 to Section 16.053, Water Code, shall conduct a study regarding the
1-20 possible impact of climate change on surface water supplies from
1-21 the Rio Grande.

1-22 (b) In conducting the study, the board shall convene a
1-23 conference within the Far West Texas regional water planning area
1-24 designated pursuant to Section 16.053, Water Code, to review:

1-25 (1) any analysis conducted by a state located to the
1-26 west of this state regarding the impact of climate change on surface
1-27 water supplies in that state;

1-28 (2) any other current analysis of potential impacts of
1-29 climate change on surface water resources; and

1-30 (3) recommendations for incorporation of potential
1-31 impacts of climate change into the Far West Texas Regional Water
1-32 Plan, including potential impacts to the Rio Grande in Texas
1-33 subject to the Rio Grande Compact and identification of feasible
1-34 water management strategies to offset any potential impacts.

1-35 (c) The conference should include, but not be limited to,
1-36 the participation of representatives of:

1-37 (1) the Far West Texas Regional Water Planning Group;

1-38 (2) water authorities;

1-39 (3) industrial customers;

1-40 (4) agricultural interests;

1-41 (5) municipalities;

1-42 (6) fishing or recreational interests;

1-43 (7) environmental advocacy organizations; and

1-44 (8) institutions of higher education.

1-45 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 31, 2008, the
1-46 board shall submit to the legislature a written report regarding
1-47 the study findings under Section 2 of this Act.

1-48 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
1-49 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
1-50 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
1-51 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
1-52 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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