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H.B. No. 2716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Department of Agriculture of the transfer of water from the Mississippi River.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "department" means the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The department shall conduct a study of the feasibility of and the costs and benefits associated with the transfer of water from the Mississippi River to this state by an underground aqueduct or covered canal.

(c) In conducting the study, the department shall consult with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Water Development Board, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the appropriate governmental agencies of any state that would be affected by the transfer.

(d) The department may accept grants or private donations for the purposes of conducting the study under this section.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit to the legislature a report containing the findings of the study conducted under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act expires January 2, 2019.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.