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H.B. No. 3085

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Geo-Technology Research Institute on the  
3 monitoring, prevention, and removal of floating trash.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) In this section, "floating trash"  
6 means human-made trash or debris floating on the waterways of this  
7 state.

8 (b) The Geo-Technology Research Institute shall conduct a  
9 two-year study on the monitoring, prevention, and removal of  
10 floating trash and submit a report of the institute's findings to  
11 the 86th Legislature. The report must include:

12 (1) summaries of statutes governing, entities  
13 responsible for, and practices for compliance with laws and  
14 policies governing the prevention and removal of floating trash;

15 (2) a baseline database developed using available  
16 agency resources that contains information on the extent of  
17 floating trash, identifying the sources of and any gaps in the data  
18 contained in the database;

19 (3) a list of model programs in this state and in other  
20 states for the prevention and removal of floating trash;

21 (4) an assessment of the technical and economic  
22 feasibility of potential new programs for the prevention and  
23 removal of floating trash; and

24 (5) recommendations for:

1                   (A) state and municipal goals for the prevention  
2 and removal of floating trash;

3                   (B) technical assistance required for achieving  
4 the goals listed in Paragraph (A); and

5                   (C) monitoring and outreach programs for the  
6 prevention and removal of floating trash.

7           (c) The Geo-Technology Research Institute shall submit to  
8 the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of  
9 representatives the report described by Subsection (b) of this  
10 section not later than January 1, 2020.

11           SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2020.

12           SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
13 1, 2017.