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S.B. No. 1525

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of water needs and availability in this state.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "board" means the Texas Water Development Board.

(b) The board shall:

(1) conduct a study of water needs and availability in this state; and

(2) use the results of the study to produce a comprehensive water resources map.

(c) The study must consider:

(1) opportunities for, obstacles to, and costs associated with the development of new sources of water, including but not limited to the diversion of water from contiguous states, the use of flood control diversion channels, and the reuse of water associated with oil and gas operations;

(2) potential locations of facilities for the desalination of marine seawater and brackish groundwater;

(3) the allocation of costs associated with the transportation of desalinated marine seawater and brackish groundwater from the place of production to end users;

(4) the potential for the use of public-private partnerships for water development projects in this state; and

1           (5) methods to ensure that stakeholders from all water  
2 user groups are included in the development of plans for the use of  
3 water in this state.

4           (d) In conducting the study, the board may consult with the  
5 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

6           (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the board shall submit  
7 to each standing committee of the legislature having primary  
8 jurisdiction over water development:

9           (1) a report of the findings of the study conducted  
10 under this section; and

11           (2) the map developed by the board under Subsection  
12 (b) of this section.

13           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.