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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report on the optimum water level of Falcon Lake.

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

SECTION 1.  STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality jointly shall conduct a study on the optimum water level of Falcon Lake. The study must examine:

(1)  the optimum water level for recreational fishing; and

(2)  the factors that contribute to the rise and fall in water levels.

(b)  Not later than December 1, 2020, the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a report that includes:

(1)  the findings of the study conducted under this section; and

(2)  recommendations on maintaining the optimum water level for recreational fishing on Falcon Lake.

SECTION 2.  EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 3.  EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.