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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting to the legislature by certain river authorities.

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

SECTION 1.  Title 5, Water Code, is amended by designating Chapter 152 as Subtitle A and adding a subtitle heading to read as follows:

SUBTITLE A. RIVER AUTHORITIES

SECTION 2.  Subtitle A, Title 5, Water Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Chapter 150 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 150. PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO RIVER AUTHORITIES

Sec. 150.0101.  DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1)  "Committee" means the standing committee of the senate with jurisdiction over water.

(2)  "River authority" means a district created under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as a regional water management entity to provide water development and planning services and other services to a river basin or portion of a river basin.

Sec. 150.0102.  REPORT. (a) In November of the sixth year after the year in which the Sunset Advisory Commission completed a review of a river authority, the river authority shall deliver a report to the committee that explains changes to the river authority's rules made since the review by the Sunset Advisory Commission and the consequences of those changes.

(b)  The committee may compel testimony by a representative of the river authority regarding the subject of the report in the same way the committee may compel testimony from a representative of a state agency.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.