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H.B. No. 723

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a requirement that the Texas Commission on  
3 Environmental Quality obtain or develop updated water availability  
4 models for certain river basins.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.012, Water Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

8 (h-1) Not later than December 1, 2022, the commission shall  
9 obtain or develop updated water availability models for the Brazos  
10 River, Neches River, Red River, and Rio Grande river basins. The  
11 commission may collect data from all jurisdictions that allocate  
12 the waters of the rivers, including jurisdictions outside this  
13 state. This subsection expires September 1, 2023.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.