

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the provision of information regarding certain
3 enforcement actions by the Texas Commission on Environmental
4 Quality.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 7.003, Water Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7.003. ENFORCEMENT REPORT AND STATUS MEETINGS.

9 SECTION 2. Section 7.003, Water Code, is amended by adding
10 Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

11 (d) The commission shall publish each report required under
12 Subsection (a) on the commission's Internet website not later than
13 the 15th day before the date of a meeting of the commission for
14 which public notice is given.

15 (e) This subsection applies to an enforcement action that
16 involves a violation of Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, by or
17 at a facility. The commission shall file with the state senator and
18 state representative in whose district the facility that is the
19 subject of the enforcement action is located a copy of the report
20 and of the minutes of the meeting reflecting commission action
21 relating to the report. Until the enforcement action is resolved,
22 at least once a month the commission shall conduct in the county in
23 which the facility that is the subject of the enforcement action is
24 located a public informational meeting regarding the status of the

1 enforcement action. A representative of the facility that is the
2 subject of the enforcement action must attend a meeting held under
3 this subsection and must make a reasonable effort to respond to
4 questions relevant to the enforcement action at the meeting. The
5 commission shall publish notice of the meeting once a week for two
6 consecutive weeks before the meeting in one or more newspapers
7 having general circulation in the county in which the meeting will
8 be held. The notice must state the time, location, and subject
9 matter of the meeting.

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