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H.B. No. 3843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a priority groundwater management area study
in certain areas.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 35, Water Code, is amended by adding
Section 35.0075 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.0075. PRIORITY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA STUDY IN
CERTAIN AREAS. (a) This section applies to a county:

(1) bordering the Rio Grande;

(2) overlying the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer; and

(3) with a population greater than 40,000.

(b) For a groundwater conservation district created in a
county to which this section applies, the board shall use the
priority groundwater management area study to set the modeled
available groundwater and the district shall use the priority
groundwater management area study to set the desired future
condition according to the provisions of Chapter 36.

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