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S.B. No. 2332

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

1 Commission and the consequences of those changes.

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

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