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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the suitability of unused and underused public facilities for joint use by state and local governmental entities and artists.

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

SECTION 1.  DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1)  "Artist" means a person who engages in acting, dancing, improvisation, singing, and other similar artistic performances.

(2)  "Commission" means the Texas Facilities Commission.

(3)  "Governmental entity" means this state, a county, a municipality, or a school district.

(4)  "Public facility" means a facility owned or operated by a governmental entity.

SECTION 2.  STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The commission shall conduct a study to assess the availability and suitability of existing unused and underused public facilities for joint use by a governmental entity and artists for the practice and performance of their art or by two governmental entities. The study shall assess the economic advantages of those uses.

(b)  Not later than December 1, 2022, the commission shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and members of the legislature a written report on the results of the study.

SECTION 3.  EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires January 1, 2023.

SECTION 4.  EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.