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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on art organizations in this state.

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

SECTION 1.  (a) In this section, "COVID-19" means the 2019 novel coronavirus disease.

(b)  The comptroller of public accounts, in collaboration with the Texas Commission on the Arts, shall conduct a study to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on county, municipal, community, and nonprofit art organizations in this state.

(c)  The study must evaluate the impact:

(1)  of COVID-19 on the funding of art organizations;

(2)  on art organizations from closures resulting from COVID-19; and

(3)  of any lost revenue, including hotel occupancy tax revenue and tourism revenue, on art organizations during and resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

(d)  Not later than December 31, 2022, the comptroller of public accounts shall prepare and submit to the governor, the legislature, and the Texas Commission on the Arts a written report containing the results of the study conducted under this section, including any recommendations for legislative or other action to help assist art organizations in this state.

(e)  This Act expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.