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H.B. No. 587

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a study on the suitability of unused and underused
3 public facilities for joint use by state and local governmental
4 entities and artists.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

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

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

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

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

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

22 (b) Not later than December 1, 2022, the commission shall
23 submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house
24 of representatives, and members of the legislature a written report

1 on the results of the study.

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

4 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
5 1, 2021.