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H.B. No. 2905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to public-private partnerships to design, develop,
3 finance, construct, and receive financial assistance for certain
4 water-related projects.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 15, Water Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 15.4745 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 15.4745. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. A person that
9 receives money from the fund may enter into an agreement with a
10 private entity to design, develop, finance, or construct a project
11 described by Subchapter I, Q, or R of this chapter, Subchapter E or
12 F, Chapter 16, or Subchapter J, Chapter 17. Money from the fund may
13 be used to make payments under an agreement entered into under this
14 section.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 15, Water Code, is amended
16 by adding Section 15.5345 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 15.5345. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. An eligible
18 political subdivision that receives money from the fund may enter
19 into a contract as described by Subchapter A, Chapter 271, Local
20 Government Code, with a private entity to design, develop, finance,
21 or construct a flood project. Money from the fund may be used to
22 make payments under a contract entered into under this section.

23 SECTION 3. Subchapter Q, Chapter 15, Water Code, is amended
24 by adding Section 15.9805 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 15.9805. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. An eligible
2 political subdivision that receives money from the fund may enter
3 into a contract as described by Subchapter A, Chapter 271, Local
4 Government Code, with a private entity to design, develop, finance,
5 or construct a project. Money from the fund may be used to make
6 payments under a contract entered into under this section.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.