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H.B. No. 4234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual report on water treatment facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.054. WATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT. (a) In this section, "utility commission" means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

(b) The commission and the utility commission shall produce an annual report on water treatment facilities in this state.

(c) The report produced under this section shall include:

(1) for the year preceding the production of the report:

(A) an analysis of events related to water treatment facilities and the consequences of those events; and

(B) a summary of challenges experienced by the water treatment facilities or any vulnerabilities or system failures that were exposed;

(2) projected:

(A) changes in the physical condition of water treatment facilities, including expected wear and tear on the facilities; and

(B) effects of population increase on the performance of water treatment facilities; and

1           (3) the identification of means to prevent unplanned  
2 downtime for water treatment facilities in times of disaster.

3           (d) The commission and the utility commission may cooperate  
4 with other state agencies, political subdivisions, and water  
5 service providers to produce the report required under this  
6 section.

7           (e) The commission and the utility commission shall deliver  
8 the report to the legislature not later than September 1 of each  
9 year.

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