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H.B. No. 4258

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the University of Houston on the expected
3 effects of future climate change in this state and the preparedness
4 of this state to address those effects.

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

6 SECTION 1. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The board of regents of
7 the University of Houston System shall designate a department or
8 entity at the University of Houston to conduct a study on:

9 (1) the expected effects of future climate change in
10 this state, including:

11 (A) the expected economic ramifications of
12 climate change;

13 (B) the expected effects on agriculture and other
14 industries of this state that are vulnerable to climate change; and

15 (C) the expected increase in droughts, natural
16 disasters, and other environmental conditions resulting from
17 climate change; and

18 (2) the preparedness of this state to identify,
19 minimize, and mitigate the expected effects described by
20 Subdivision (1) of this subsection.

21 (b) Not later than December 1, 2022, the University of
22 Houston shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and
23 each member of the legislature a report containing the results of
24 the study conducted under this section.

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

3 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
4 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
5 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
6 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
7 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.