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H.B. No. 4499

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C.S.H.B. No. 4499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study of the feasibility of establishing a regional
3 connected trails system.

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

5 SECTION 1. APPLICABILITY. This Act does not apply to
6 trails used for motorized vehicles.

7 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The Parks and Wildlife Department
8 shall conduct a study on establishing a regional connected trails
9 system throughout the state to provide recreational opportunities
10 for Texans and highlight this state's scenery, wildlife, and
11 history. The study must evaluate and may develop recommendations
12 regarding:

13 (1) the feasibility of establishing a regional
14 connected trails system;

15 (2) proposed locations of regional connected trails;

16 (3) strategies for integrating existing trails into a
17 regional connected trails system;

18 (4) the capacity of the department to oversee a
19 regional connected trails system;

20 (5) the proposed allocation of state resources to fund
21 a regional connected trails system; and

22 (6) alternative proposals to increase, connect, and
23 protect outdoor recreational trails.

24 (b) In conducting the study, the department shall consult

1 with:

- 2 (1) Texas Department of Transportation;
 - 3 (2) Texas Historical Commission;
 - 4 (3) federal land management agencies; and
 - 5 (4) counties and municipalities who maintain parks
- 6 with relevant trails.

7 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the
8 Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit to the governor, the
9 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
10 and the chair of each committee of the legislature that has primary
11 jurisdiction over the department a written report that summarizes
12 the findings of the study conducted and any recommendations
13 developed under Section 2 of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2023.

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