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By:  Talarico H.B. No. 1830

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas A&M Forest Service to identify urban areas with a canopy coverage disparity and plant trees in those areas.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 88.1105 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.1105.  PLANTING TREES IN URBAN AREAS WITH CANOPY COVERAGE DISPARITY. (a) The Texas A&M Forest Service may partner with a political subdivision to identify an area in an urban area with a disparity in canopy coverage in comparison to other areas in the same political subdivision.

(b)  On identification of an area under Subsection (a), the Texas A&M Forest Service, in collaboration with the political subdivision, may plant trees in the area.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.