By:  Guillen, Lambert (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 4047

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023; May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development; May 21, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0, one present not voting; May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Birdwell        X

Zaffirini       X

Alvarado        X

Blanco          X

Hancock         X

Hughes          X

Kolkhorst       X

Miles           X

Sparks                          X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4047 By:  Zaffirini

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the potential for utilization of the uranium deposits in this state.

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

SECTION 1.  DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

SECTION 2.  STUDY ON POTENTIAL FOR UTILIZATION OF URANIUM DEPOSITS IN THIS STATE. The commission shall conduct a comprehensive study on the uranium deposits in this state, evaluating the economic benefits of utilizing those deposits to lessen the United States' reliance on foreign sources of uranium while prioritizing public health and safety. The study must:

(1)  assess the potential for utilizing the state's uranium deposits; and

(2)  provide recommendations for strategies, legislative or regulatory changes, potential economic incentive programs, and public health and safety best practices to support the state's uranium mining industry.

SECTION 3.  REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2024, the commission shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a report that includes the findings of the study and any recommendations regarding the matters described by Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 4.  EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.  EFFECTIVE DATE. 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.

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