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H.B. No. 4047

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on 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 URANIUM DEPOSITS IN THIS STATE. The commission shall conduct a study on the uranium deposits in this state and how utilizing those deposits could lessen the United States' reliance on foreign sources of uranium.

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 for legislative or other action. The report must include recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes and potential economic incentive programs to support the uranium mining industry in this state.

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.