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H.B. No. 156

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental
3 Quality regarding the protection of certain water facilities from
4 catastrophes.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Commission on Environmental
7 Quality shall conduct a study of potential methods for protecting
8 public drinking water supply systems regulated by the commission
9 under Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code, and wastewater treatment
10 facilities regulated by the commission under Chapter 26, Water
11 Code, from:

- 12 (1) electrical outages;
13 (2) catastrophic weather events;
14 (3) conduct that constitutes an offense under Chapter
15 424, Government Code;
16 (4) the projected effects of climate change; and
17 (5) other potential disruptions to providing water
18 service.

19 (b) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall
20 consult with other state agencies or interested persons as needed
21 to facilitate the study.

22 (c) Not later than September 1, 2026, the Texas Commission
23 on Environmental Quality shall:

- 24 (1) create a report on the results of the study that

1 includes recommendations for legislative or other action to
2 facilitate the protection of the facilities described by Subsection
3 (a) of this section; and

4 (2) submit the report to the governor and the
5 legislature.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.