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H.B. No. 1276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study of this state's response to plant disease or
3 pest outbreaks.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
6 shall conduct a study to evaluate this state's response to plant
7 disease or pest outbreaks, including how this state identifies or
8 is notified of an outbreak and this state's capabilities for
9 handling and containing an outbreak.

10 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2026, the
11 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall submit a report on the
12 results of the study required to be conducted under this Act to the
13 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
14 representatives, each member of the legislature, and the
15 commissioner of agriculture. The report must include
16 recommendations for improving this state's current system of
17 identifying and reporting plant disease or pest outbreaks and this
18 state's response to plant disease or pest outbreaks.

19 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

SECTION 4. 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, 2025.