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H.B. No. 1276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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.