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H.B. No. 1639

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female  
3 firefighters in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

6 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Fire  
7 Protection.

8 (2) "Department" means the Department of State Health  
9 Services.

10 (3) "Registry" means the cancer registry established  
11 under Chapter 82, Health and Safety Code.

12 (b) The department, in collaboration with the commission  
13 and using registry information, shall conduct a study on the  
14 increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

15 (c) In conducting the study, the department and commission  
16 shall, using registry information and data collected from readily  
17 available sources, compare cancer rates among female firefighters  
18 in this state to cancer rates among other women, focusing on cancers  
19 specific to women, including ovarian and breast cancer.

20 (d) Not later than September 1, 2026:

21 (1) the department shall prepare and submit to the  
22 legislature a written report containing the results of the study  
23 and any recommendations for legislative or other action; and

24 (2) the department and commission shall make the

1 report publicly available by posting the report on the agencies'  
2 and registry's respective Internet websites.

3 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2027.

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