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H.B. No. 2128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of rural firefighting and technical rescue service capabilities.

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

SECTION 1. STUDY ON RURAL FIREFIGHTING AND TECHNICAL RESCUE SERVICE CAPABILITIES. (a) In this Act, "service" means the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

(b) The service shall conduct a study of rural firefighting and technical rescue service capabilities and compare those capabilities with those of urban municipalities. The study must consider disparities in:

(1) available funding for personnel and equipment;

(2) the number of qualified candidates to fill new or vacant firefighting and rescue personnel positions;

(3) opportunities for affordable training for firefighting and rescue personnel; and

(4) any other factor the service considers relevant.

SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2026, the service shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report that includes the findings of the study and any recommendations based on the study.

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

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect

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1 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
3 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
4 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.