

1-1 By: Spiller, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hagenbuch) H.B. No. 2128  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2025;  
1-3 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,  
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study of rural firefighting and technical rescue  
1-20 service capabilities.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. STUDY ON RURAL FIREFIGHTING AND TECHNICAL RESCUE  
1-23 SERVICE CAPABILITIES. (a) In this Act, "service" means the Texas  
1-24 A&M Engineering Extension Service.

1-25 (b) The service shall conduct a study of rural firefighting  
1-26 and technical rescue service capabilities and compare those  
1-27 capabilities with those of urban municipalities. The study must  
1-28 consider disparities in:

1-29 (1) available funding for personnel and equipment;

1-30 (2) the number of qualified candidates to fill new or  
1-31 vacant firefighting and rescue personnel positions;

1-32 (3) opportunities for affordable training for  
1-33 firefighting and rescue personnel; and

1-34 (4) any other factor the service considers relevant.

1-35 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2026, the  
1-36 service shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and  
1-37 the speaker of the house of representatives a report that includes  
1-38 the findings of the study and any recommendations based on the  
1-39 study.

1-40 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

1-41 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
1-42 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
1-43 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
1-44 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
1-45 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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