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H.B. No. 3106

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of certain regional water plans using safe yield water availability analyses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.053, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-3) to read as follows:

(e-3) When developing a regional water plan under Subsection (e), a regional water planning group for an area that is largely dependent on surface water from one or more reservoirs may evaluate the availability of water from a reservoir based on an analysis of the reservoir's safe yield, expressed in terms of a reduced annual water volume that would continue to be available from the reservoir for a period longer than that of a drought of record. A planning group described by this subsection that decides not to use a safe yield analysis in developing its regional water plan shall provide in its plan an explanation of the reason for that decision.

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