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H.B. No. 3829

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study to review the animal friendly account.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

(1) "Animal friendly account" means the account described by Section [828.014](#), Health and Safety Code.

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

(b) The department, in collaboration with the Texas Humane Legislation Network, shall conduct a study on the process for awarding to an organization a grant from the animal friendly account.

(c) In conducting the study described by Subsection (b) of this section, the department, in collaboration with the Texas Humane Legislation Network, shall:

(1) analyze the impact of grants awarded from the animal friendly account on the sterilization of animals owned by members of the general public;

(2) evaluate methods to improve the process for applying for a grant from the animal friendly account;

(3) determine methods of streamlining the reporting process for use of grant money awarded from the animal friendly account;

(4) assess ways for the department to increase

1 awareness of the grant awards available from the animal friendly
2 account;

3 (5) solicit comments from individuals who were awarded
4 a grant from the animal friendly account regarding ideas for
5 improving the processes described by Subdivisions (2) and (3) of
6 this subsection; and

7 (6) collaborate with any other state and local
8 agencies as the department determines to be relevant.

9 (d) Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall
10 prepare and submit to the legislature a written report that
11 includes:

12 (1) a summary of the results of the study conducted
13 under this section; and

14 (2) any recommendations for legislative or other
15 action.

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

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