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S.B. No. 236

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of certain state property for community food
3 gardens.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The General Land Office shall develop a plan
6 for the establishment of community food gardens on real property
7 that:

8 (1) is owned or controlled by the state; and

9 (2) is not being used or is being substantially
10 underused.

11 (b) The General Land Office shall work with other state
12 agencies that own or control real property, including the Texas
13 Department of Transportation, the Texas Department of Criminal
14 Justice, and the Parks and Wildlife Department, in developing the
15 plan.

16 (c) The plan must:

17 (1) identify real property owned or controlled by the
18 state that is appropriate for the establishment of community food
19 gardens;

20 (2) identify any statutory or other barriers to
21 implementation of the plan and make recommendations for eliminating
22 or addressing those barriers; and

23 (3) analyze the costs and benefits of implementation
24 of the plan.

1 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the General Land
2 Office shall submit the plan to the legislature.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.