

1-1 By: Guillen, King of Uvalde H.B. No. 4204
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;
 1-4 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-5 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-6 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to a study and report on the water level of Falcon Lake in
 1-21 Zapata and Starr Counties.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. STUDY. The Parks and Wildlife Department and the
 1-24 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall jointly conduct a
 1-25 study on the water level of Falcon Lake in Zapata and Starr
 1-26 Counties. The study must:

1-27 (1) evaluate the optimum water level for recreational
 1-28 fishing on the lake; and

1-29 (2) examine the factors that contribute to or are
 1-30 affected by the rise and fall of the lake's water levels, including
 1-31 flood control, conservation, and hydroelectric power projects.

1-32 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the
 1-33 Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Commission on
 1-34 Environmental Quality shall submit to the governor, lieutenant
 1-35 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a report that
 1-36 includes:

1-37 (1) the findings of the study conducted under Section
 1-38 1 of this Act; and

1-39 (2) recommendations to achieve and maintain the
 1-40 optimum water level for recreational fishing on Falcon Lake,
 1-41 consistent with the purpose of the lake's construction.

1-42 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires September 1,
 1-43 2023.

1-44 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
 1-45 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
 1-46 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
 1-47 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
 1-48 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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