

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3264
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 3264 amends current law relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of groundwater conditions in certain counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Requires the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), in order to engage in a scientific inquiry and analysis regarding current and projected groundwater production and to assess the effects of that production on groundwater conditions, to, for the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers north of the Colorado River in Bell, Burnet, Milam, Travis, and Williamson Counties:

- (1) compile and evaluate current data on groundwater levels, aquifer characteristics, and groundwater use and production; and
- (2) fully assess the effects of current and projected groundwater production on groundwater conditions.

SECTION 2. Requires the executive administrator of TWDB, not later than September 1, 2020, to:

- (1) complete the compilation, evaluation, and assessment of data described by Section 1 of this Act;
- (2) prepare a report of the findings of the compilation, evaluation, and assessment; and
- (3) make copies of the report available to the public.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.