

1-1 By: Moody, Murr (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 707
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2021;
 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on expanding recovery housing in this state.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "recovery housing" means a
 1-22 shared living environment that promotes sustained recovery from
 1-23 substance use disorders by integrating residents into the
 1-24 surrounding community and providing a setting that connects
 1-25 residents to supports and services promoting sustained recovery
 1-26 from substance use disorders, is centered on peer support, and is
 1-27 free from alcohol and drug use.
 1-28 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a
 1-29 study to evaluate the current status of and opportunities,
 1-30 challenges, and needs to expand recovery housing in this state.
 1-31 (c) In conducting the study, the Health and Human Services
 1-32 Commission shall:
 1-33 (1) identify and evaluate state and federal regulatory
 1-34 deficiencies and potential impacts on recovery housing, including
 1-35 the impacts on local government resources and interests of the
 1-36 surrounding community;
 1-37 (2) create focus groups with community stakeholders
 1-38 interested in recovery housing;
 1-39 (3) interview stakeholders and experts in recovery
 1-40 housing that represent both rural and urban areas of this state;
 1-41 (4) conduct site visits to recovery houses, including
 1-42 site visits to recovery houses demonstrating different models of
 1-43 recovery housing in both rural and urban areas of this state; and
 1-44 (5) review scholarly research on recovery housing.
 1-45 (d) Not later than December 1, 2022, the Health and Human
 1-46 Services Commission shall prepare and submit to the legislature a
 1-47 written report containing the results of the study and any
 1-48 recommendations for legislative or other action, including policy
 1-49 changes and the adoption or implementation of best practices and
 1-50 training and technical assistance resources.
 1-51 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2023.
 1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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