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H.B. No. 2528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study on the establishment of a statewide  
3 homelessness data system.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "council" means the Texas  
6 Interagency Council for the Homeless established under Subchapter  
7 [KK](#), Chapter [2306](#), Government Code.

8 (b) The council shall conduct a study on the feasibility of  
9 establishing a statewide homelessness data system through which:

10 (1) state agencies and local governmental entities,  
11 including law enforcement agencies, court systems, school  
12 districts, and emergency service providers, are able to share  
13 information related to individuals experiencing homelessness; and

14 (2) the entities described by Subdivision (1) of this  
15 subsection are able to access information related to individuals  
16 experiencing homelessness in order to connect or refer those  
17 individuals to services, including affordable housing  
18 opportunities.

19 (c) In conducting the study under this section, the council  
20 shall:

21 (1) consult with representatives of the entities  
22 described by Subsection (b)(1) of this section to determine the  
23 challenges faced by those entities in addressing homelessness and  
24 how best to improve the responses to those challenges; and

1           (2) assess the feasibility for the statewide  
2 homelessness data system described by Subsection (b) of this  
3 section to:

4                   (A) ensure that information stored in the data  
5 system that is confidential under state or federal law is not  
6 disclosed;

7                   (B) collect data from other homelessness data  
8 systems maintained or operated by a state agency, local law  
9 enforcement agency, or other entity of this state; and

10                   (C) collect, aggregate, analyze, and share  
11 homelessness information with entities that have access to the  
12 system.

13           (d) Not later than October 1, 2024, the council shall  
14 prepare and submit to the legislature and the Texas Department of  
15 Housing and Community Affairs a written report that summarizes the  
16 results of the study conducted under this section.

17           SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2025.

18           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.