

1-1 By: Walle, Gates (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2533
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2023;
 1-3 May 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 22, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2023, 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 the implementation of a statewide homeless data sharing
 1-20 network to share real time data on homelessness.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subchapter QQ to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER QQ. HOMELESS DATA SHARING

1-25 Sec. 2306.1151. HOMELESS DATA SHARING NETWORK. (a) Using
 1-26 available resources, the department in collaboration with the Texas
 1-27 Homeless Network shall implement a homeless data sharing network
 1-28 through which homeless response systems and data warehouse vendors
 1-29 are able to share and assess real-time data on homelessness
 1-30 throughout this state.

1-31 (b) In implementing the homeless data sharing network, the
 1-32 department shall collaborate with health benefit plan issuers and
 1-33 managed care organizations to:

1-34 (1) identify individuals experiencing homelessness;
 1-35 and

1-36 (2) connect and refer those individuals to available
 1-37 services and resources, including housing navigation assistance,
 1-38 for the purpose of improving health outcomes.

1-39 (c) The department shall ensure that information shared
 1-40 through the homeless data sharing network that is confidential
 1-41 under state or federal law is not disclosed.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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