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H.B. No. 4162

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to housing between academic terms for certain students at
3 public institutions of higher education who were formerly under the
4 conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
5 Services.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 51.978, Education Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

9 (c-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
10 on the request for assistance under this section of an eligible
11 student under Subsection (b) who is also considered a homeless
12 child or youth under 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a, an institution of
13 higher education that maintains and operates a university housing
14 facility for students during a period between academic terms shall
15 provide the student access to that housing facility beginning on
16 the last day of an academic term and ending on the first day of the
17 immediately following academic term, according to the
18 institution's academic calendar, at no cost to the student.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
20 beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.