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S.B. No. 1206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a program to provide housing vouchers to emergency medical services personnel in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.2595 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.2595. HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. (a) In this section, "emergency medical services personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The department shall, using available resources, establish a housing voucher program in a county with a population of more than 1 million and less than 1.5 million to provide housing vouchers to emergency medical services personnel.

(c) The department shall adopt rules:

(1) governing the program's administration;

(2) establishing eligibility criteria for a person to receive a housing voucher under the program;

(3) establishing a mechanism to determine the amount of a housing voucher provided under the program; and

(4) prescribing any other program requirements the department determines necessary.

(d) The department may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source to establish and operate the program.

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