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H.B. No. 132

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study regarding the housing needs of persons with  
3 disabilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) The commissioner of health and  
6 human services or other appropriate health and human services  
7 agency designated by the commissioner shall conduct a study and  
8 prepare a report on the housing arrangements and needs of persons  
9 with disabilities in this state. In conducting the study, the  
10 commissioner or designated agency may solicit and consider  
11 information from sources such as private nonprofit organizations  
12 and other state agencies, including the Texas Department of Housing  
13 and Community Affairs.

14 (b) Not later than November 1, 2004, the commissioner shall  
15 submit the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker  
16 of the house of representatives.

17 (c) The report must include:

18 (1) a summary of where persons with disabilities lived  
19 during 2003, categorized by:

20 (A) characteristics of the housing, including:

21 (i) whether the housing is located in an  
22 urban or a rural setting;

23 (ii) the geographic area in which the  
24 housing is located; and

1 (iii) the type of housing, such as a  
2 temporary shelter, a group home, a treatment center, a family home,  
3 or an individual home;

4 (B) demographics of the persons with  
5 disabilities, including:

6 (i) disability type;

7 (ii) age; and

8 (iii) income; and

9 (C) other useful criteria;

10 (2) descriptions of unmet housing needs of and other  
11 major housing problems faced by persons with disabilities;

12 (3) recommendations to address the identified needs  
13 and problems; and

14 (4) other relevant information.

15 (d) The health and human services agencies shall cooperate  
16 with the commissioner in conducting the study and preparing the  
17 report under this section.

18 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires February 1,  
19 2005.

20 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
21 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
22 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
23 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
24 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.