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S.B. No. 1473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a community service requirement for certain public
3 housing residents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 392, Local Government
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 392.067 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 392.067. COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT. (a) In this
8 section, "school-age child" means a child who is at least five years
9 of age but younger than 14 years of age.

10 (b) Each housing authority shall adopt rules requiring that
11 a public housing resident devote to the educational needs of at
12 least one school-age child of that resident one or more hours of
13 community service of the eight total hours of community service
14 that the resident is required to contribute each month under 42
15 U.S.C. Section 1437j(c). The authority shall establish procedures
16 for verifying compliance with the community service education
17 requirement imposed under this subsection.

18 (c) The following public housing residents are exempt from
19 the community service education requirement imposed under
20 Subsection (b):

21 (1) a resident who is not a parent, conservator, or
22 other guardian of a school-age child;

23 (2) a resident who participates in an economic
24 self-sufficiency program, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1437j(g),

1 for eight hours each month; and

2 (3) a resident who is exempt from the community
3 service requirement under 42 U.S.C. Section 1437j(c)(2).

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.