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H.B. No. 3162

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of a long-range state low income housing plan.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.0725 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.0725. LONG-RANGE LOW INCOME HOUSING PLAN.

(a) The director shall prepare and submit to the board an integrated long-range state low income housing plan covering at least six years.

(b) Not later than the 30th day after the date the board receives and approves the plan, the board shall submit the plan to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The plan must establish policy goals for meeting low income housing needs on a statewide and regional basis and prescribe strategies to meet those goals. The plan must include:

(1) an estimate and analysis of the housing needs of the following populations in each uniform state service region:

(A) individuals and families of moderate, low, very low, and extremely low income;

(B) individuals with special needs, with specific emphasis on the needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities; and

- 1 (C) homeless individuals;
- 2 (2) a proposal to use all available housing resources
3 to address the housing needs of the populations described by
4 Subdivision (1) by establishing funding levels for all
5 housing-related programs;
- 6 (3) an estimate of the number of federally assisted
7 housing units available for individuals and families of low and
8 very low income and individuals with special needs in each uniform
9 state service region;
- 10 (4) a description of state programs that govern the
11 use of all available housing resources;
- 12 (5) a resource allocation plan that targets all
13 available housing resources to individuals and families of low and
14 very low income and individuals with special needs in each uniform
15 state service region;
- 16 (6) a description of the department's efforts to
17 monitor and analyze the unused or underused federal resources of
18 other state agencies for housing-related services and services for
19 homeless individuals and the department's recommendations to
20 ensure the full use by the state of all available federal resources
21 for those services in each uniform state service region;
- 22 (7) strategies to provide housing for individuals and
23 families with special needs in each uniform state service region;
- 24 (8) a description of the department's efforts to
25 encourage in each uniform state service region the construction of
26 housing units that incorporate energy efficient construction and
27 appliances;

1 (9) an estimate and analysis of the housing supply in
2 each uniform state service region;

3 (10) an inventory of all publicly and, where possible,
4 privately funded housing resources, including public housing
5 authorities, housing finance corporations, community housing
6 development organizations, and community action agencies;

7 (11) strategies for meeting rural housing needs;

8 (12) an action plan for colonias that addresses
9 current policy goals for colonia programs, strategies to meet the
10 policy goals, and the projected outcomes with respect to the policy
11 goals; and

12 (13) strategies for eliminating redundant and
13 inefficient practices.

14 (d) The priorities and policies in each housing plan adopted
15 by the department must be consistent to the extent practical with
16 the priorities and policies established in the long-range state low
17 income housing plan.

18 (e) The director may subdivide the uniform state service
19 regions as necessary for purposes of the long-range state low
20 income housing plan.

21 SECTION 2. The executive director of the Texas Department
22 of Housing and Community Affairs shall submit to the governing
23 board of the department the first long-range state low income
24 housing plan, as required by Section 2306.0725, Government Code, as
25 added by this Act, not later than March 18, 2010.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.