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H.B. No. 307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of the homeless housing and services program by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.2585 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.2585. HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM. (a)

The department shall administer a homeless housing and services program in each municipality in this state with a population of 285,500 or more to:

(1) provide for the construction, development, or procurement of housing for homeless persons; and

(2) provide local programs to prevent and eliminate homelessness.

(b) The department shall adopt rules governing the administration of the homeless housing and services program, including rules that:

(1) provide for the allocation of any available funding; and

(2) provide detailed guidelines as to the scope of the local programs in the municipalities described by Subsection (a).

(c) The department may use any available revenue, including legislative appropriations, and shall solicit and accept gifts and grants for the purposes of this section. The department shall use

1 gifts and grants received for the purposes of this section before
2 using any other revenue.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.