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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to individuals with intellectual disabilities committed to state supported living centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 593.052, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) An order for long-term placement in a residential care facility must state that the commitment for care, treatment, and training is authorized for not more than 12 months.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 593, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 593.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 593.0521. RENEWAL OF ORDER FOR COMMITMENT. Not later than the 30th day before the date a commitment order is to expire under Section 593.052, the facility administrator shall notify a representative for the local mental retardation authority that serves the area in which the facility is located or in which the resident will reside after the expiration of the commitment order. The notice must include:

(1) the date the commitment will expire; and

(2) a request that the local mental retardation authority either:

(A) prepare a transition plan for placing the resident in the community served by the authority; or

(B) file an application to renew an order for

long-term commitment in a residential care facility.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.