

Amend SB 746 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter E, Chapter 841, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 841.0845 to read as follows:

Sec. 841.0845. NOTICE OF INTENT REGARDING NEW RESIDENCE OR FACILITY. (a) The office shall provide advance notice of any intent to house one or more committed persons at a new residence or facility that has not previously served as housing for committed persons under this chapter.

(b) A vendor shall provide advance notice of any intent to submit a proposal to the office for the construction or renovation of a residence or facility that will serve as a new location for housing committed persons under this chapter.

(c) Notice must be provided in writing to each member of the legislature who represents a district containing territory in the affected county as follows:

(1) by a vendor, not later than the 30th day before the date that the vendor will submit a proposal described by Subsection (b) to the office; and

(2) by the office:

(A) as soon as practicable after awarding a contract for the construction or renovation of a residence or facility that will serve as a new location for housing committed persons under this chapter; or

(B) if a construction or renovation contract is unnecessary for the purpose, not later than the 30th day before the date that the residence or facility will first be used as housing for committed persons under this chapter, except as provided by Subsection (d).

(d) The office may provide notice required by Subsection (c)(2)(B) not later than 72 hours before transferring a committed person to the residence or facility if the transfer is necessary due to:

(1) a medical emergency;

(2) a serious behavioral or health and safety issue;

or

(3) release from a secure correctional facility.