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H.B. No. 678

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to advance notice regarding the housing of sexually  
3 violent predators at a new location in various counties of this  
4 state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 841, Health and Safety  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 841.0845 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 (2) by the office:

24 (A) as soon as practicable after awarding a

1 contract for the construction or renovation of a residence or  
2 facility that will serve as a new location for housing committed  
3 persons under this chapter; or

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

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

- 13 (1) a medical emergency;  
14 (2) a serious behavioral or health and safety issue;

15 or

- 16 (3) release from a secure correctional facility.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.