

By: Turner of Harris

H.B. No. 678

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to advance notice of the intent to house sexually violent predators at a new location in various counties of this state.

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

SECTION 1. 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 TO HOUSE COMMITTED PERSONS AT 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) 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) not later than the 30th day before the date that the office will enter into a contract to construct or renovate a residence or facility to begin serving as housing for committed persons under this chapter; or

(2) 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 begin serving as housing for committed persons under this chapter.

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