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By:  Alvarado S.B. No. 1019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a housing repair grant pilot program for property owners who provide housing to recipients of certain federal housing assistance.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter K, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.2591 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.2591.  HOUSING REPAIR GRANT PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish and administer a pilot program to provide grants to property owners who offer housing to recipients of assistance provided through the housing choice voucher program authorized under Section 8, United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f), including assistance provided through a supportive housing program for homeless veterans authorized under Section 8(o)(19), United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f(o)(19)).

(b)  A grant made under the program must be:

(1)  made from available money in the housing trust fund; and

(2)  with respect to the housing offered to recipients of the assistance described by Subsection (a), used by the property owner only to establish or maintain compliance with the housing quality standards established under Section 8, United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f).

(c)  The department shall adopt rules necessary to administer the program. Rules adopted under this section must establish eligibility requirements for participation in the program, including proof of the need for and the completion of repairs.

(d)  This section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.