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H.B. No. 2564

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to addressing the needs of homeless youth.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2306.0721(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The plan must include:

(1) an estimate and analysis of the size and the different housing needs of the following populations in each uniform state service region:

(A) individuals and families of moderate, low, very low, and extremely low income;

(B) individuals with special needs;

(C) homeless individuals;

(D) veterans;

(E) farmworkers;

(F) youth who are aging out of foster care; ~~and~~

(G) homeless youth, as defined by Section 2306.1101, and other individuals older than 19 years of age and younger than 26 years of age who are homeless; and

(H) elderly individuals;

(2) a proposal to use all available housing resources to address the housing needs of the populations described by Subdivision (1) by establishing funding levels for all housing-related programs;

1 (3) an estimate of the number of federally assisted
2 housing units available for individuals and families of low and
3 very low income and individuals with special needs in each uniform
4 state service region;

5 (4) a description of state programs that govern the
6 use of all available housing resources;

7 (5) a resource allocation plan that targets all
8 available housing resources to individuals and families of low and
9 very low income and individuals with special needs in each uniform
10 state service region;

11 (6) a description of the department's efforts to
12 monitor and analyze the unused or underused federal resources of
13 other state agencies for housing-related services and services for
14 homeless individuals and the department's recommendations to
15 ensure the full use by the state of all available federal resources
16 for those services in each uniform state service region;

17 (7) strategies to provide housing for individuals and
18 families with special needs in each uniform state service region;

19 (8) a description of the department's efforts to
20 encourage in each uniform state service region the construction of
21 housing units that incorporate energy efficient construction and
22 appliances;

23 (9) an estimate and analysis of the housing supply in
24 each uniform state service region;

25 (10) an inventory of all publicly and, where possible,
26 privately funded housing resources, including public housing
27 authorities, housing finance corporations, community housing

1 development organizations, and community action agencies;

2 (11) strategies for meeting rural housing needs;

3 (12) a biennial action plan for colonias that:

4 (A) addresses current policy goals for colonia
5 programs, strategies to meet the policy goals, and the projected
6 outcomes with respect to the policy goals; and

7 (B) includes information on the demand for
8 contract-for-deed conversions, services from self-help centers,
9 consumer education, and other colonia resident services in counties
10 some part of which is within 150 miles of the international border
11 of this state;

12 (13) a summary of public comments received at a
13 hearing under this chapter or from another source that concern the
14 demand for colonia resident services described by Subdivision (12);
15 and

16 (13-a) information regarding foreclosures of
17 residential property in this state, including the number and
18 geographic location of those foreclosures.

19 SECTION 2. Section 2306.905(b), Government Code, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 (b) In accomplishing the council's duties under this
22 section, the [The] council and each of its represented agencies may
23 seek program or policy assistance from the Texas Homeless Network
24 or any other organization in this state that has a network of
25 providers with expertise in assisting homeless youth [~~in~~
26 ~~accomplishing the council's duties~~].

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.