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H.B. No. 3080

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a closure plan for the Austin State Supported Living
3 Center.

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

5 SECTION 1. CLOSURE PLAN. (a) The Health and Human Services
6 Commission, in collaboration with stakeholders, shall establish a
7 closure plan for the Austin State Supported Living Center. The plan
8 must provide for closure of the facility and operations of the
9 Austin State Supported Living Center not later than August 31,
10 2024.

11 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall
12 transition as many individuals to the community as possible, while
13 maintaining respect for resident choice. The closure plan must
14 provide procedures to transition individuals using all available
15 placements, including access to placement under a home and
16 community-based services (HCS) waiver program, intermediate care
17 facility, or other state supported living center. The Health and
18 Human Services Commission must involve in the planning process
19 community providers, residents, individuals with an intellectual
20 or developmental disability who are receiving home and
21 community-based (HCS) waiver services, and other stakeholders.

22 (c) The Health and Human Services Commission shall develop a
23 plan, in collaboration with a representative of the Austin State
24 Supported Living Center employees, to transition current employees

1 to other employment. The Health and Human Services Commission may
2 award one-time retention bonuses to each direct support
3 professional, qualified intellectual disability professional,
4 social worker, and case manager who agrees to continue to provide
5 services at the Austin State Supported Living Center until the
6 center is closed.

7 (d) Any proceeds from the closure, including from the sale
8 or lease of facilities or other property, may be appropriated only
9 for services for persons with intellectual and developmental
10 disabilities, including persons with a dual diagnosis of
11 intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness.

12 (e) Not later than August 31, 2025, the Health and Human
13 Services Commission, in collaboration with stakeholders, shall
14 evaluate the closure process, including how well the closure plan
15 worked and outcomes for residents transitioned, and, if
16 appropriate, shall develop recommended policies for future
17 closures of other state supported living centers.

18 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2025.

19 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
20 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
21 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
22 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
23 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.