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H.B. No. 4394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of homeless housing and services programs.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2306.2585(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department may administer a homeless housing and services program in each municipality in this state with a population of 285,500 or more to:

(1) provide for the construction, development, or procurement of housing for homeless persons; and

(2) provide local programs to prevent and eliminate homelessness, including the prevention of homelessness that results from displacement due to economic development activities.

(b) The department may adopt rules to govern the administration of the program, including rules that:

(1) provide that each municipality described by Subsection (a) receives an [~~for the~~] allocation of any available funding; and

(2) provide detailed guidelines as to the scope of the local programs in the municipalities described by Subsection (a).

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