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S.B. No. 2251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to create  
3 additional housing for certain individuals with an intellectual or  
4 developmental disability through a Medicaid waiver program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 531.02441 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.02441. PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall  
9 establish and conduct a pilot program for a period of ten years that  
10 provides funding to a community non-profit corporation to create  
11 additional housing in this state for not less than 100 individuals  
12 with an intellectual or developmental disability through the home  
13 and community-based services (HCS) waiver program.

14 (b) The community non-profit corporation funded under this  
15 section must:

16 (1) be in a county with a population between 900,000  
17 and 1.5 million that is located adjacent to a county with a  
18 population of 2.5 million or more; and

19 (2) have a history of providing services to not less  
20 than 300 individuals with an intellectual or developmental  
21 disability for a period of not less than 10 years.

22 (c) In establishing the pilot program, the commission shall  
23 set a goal to reduce the number of individuals residing and  
24 receiving services in state supported living centers, as defined by

1 Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code, to an extent necessary to  
2 offset the costs of the pilot program.

3 (d) The commission shall use proceeds from general  
4 obligations bonds issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority to  
5 provide funding for the creation of additional housing under the  
6 pilot program.

7 (e) The community non-profit corporation that is provided  
8 with funding under the pilot program shall prepare and submit an  
9 annual report to the commission that summarizes the results of the  
10 pilot program.

11 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
12 a state agency determines that any other waiver or authorization  
13 from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that  
14 provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the  
15 waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision  
16 until the waiver or authorization is granted.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2020, but  
18 only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th  
19 Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, authorizing the issuance of  
20 general obligation bonds for conducting a program to create  
21 additional housing for individuals with an intellectual or  
22 developmental disability is approved by the voters. If that  
23 amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.