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H.B. No. 861

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study and report on the establishment and  
3 implementation of a program that provides financial assistance to  
4 property owners who offer housing to veterans at risk of  
5 homelessness.

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

7 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "council" means the Texas  
8 Interagency Council for the Homeless.

9 (b) The council shall conduct a study to evaluate the  
10 feasibility, methods, and costs of establishing and implementing a  
11 program that provides financial assistance to property owners who  
12 offer housing to veterans at risk of homelessness.

13 (c) In conducting the study, the council shall:

14 (1) evaluate and identify any sources of funding that  
15 might be available to cover the probable cost of the program;

16 (2) evaluate methods that have been implemented by  
17 other states to provide a similar program; and

18 (3) identify the state agency or agencies that could  
19 most efficiently implement and administer the program.

20 (d) Not later than September 1, 2022, the council shall  
21 submit to the legislature a written report on the results of the  
22 study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

23 (e) This section expires September 1, 2023.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.