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H.B. No. 1260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study on the feasibility of establishing a  
3 centralized homelessness crisis response data system.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "council" means the Texas  
6 Interagency Council for the Homeless established under Subchapter  
7 [KK](#), Chapter [2306](#), Government Code.

8 (b) The council shall conduct a study on the feasibility of  
9 establishing a centralized homelessness crisis response data  
10 system through which state agencies, local governmental entities,  
11 including law enforcement agencies, court systems, school  
12 districts, and emergency service providers, and other relevant  
13 persons are able to share and access information related to  
14 individuals who experience chronic homelessness in order to connect  
15 or refer those individuals to services, including affordable  
16 housing opportunities.

17 (c) In conducting the study under this section, the council  
18 shall:

19 (1) consult with representatives of the entities  
20 described by Subsection (b) of this section to determine the  
21 challenges faced by those entities in addressing chronic  
22 homelessness and how best to improve the responses to those  
23 challenges; and

24 (2) assess the feasibility of the centralized

1 homelessness crisis response data system described by Subsection  
2 (b) of this section to:

3 (A) collect data from other homelessness crisis  
4 response data systems maintained or operated by a state agency,  
5 local law enforcement agency, or other entity of this state; and

6 (B) collect, aggregate, analyze, and share  
7 homelessness information with entities that have access to the  
8 system.

9 (d) Not later than November 1, 2022, the council shall  
10 prepare and submit to the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
11 Affairs a written report that summarizes the results of the study  
12 conducted under this section.

13 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.