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H.B. No. 1431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to statewide participation in a homeless management information system by service providers to the homeless.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter [KK](#), Chapter [2306](#), Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.9055 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.9055. STATEWIDE PARTICIPATION IN HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. (a) The council shall evaluate, encourage, incentivize, and monitor the participation by service providers to the homeless throughout this state in a regional or statewide homeless management information system to:

(1) achieve statewide participation in a homeless management information system by service providers to the homeless;

(2) improve the collaboration and coordination of services to the homeless;

(3) increase transparency and accountability in the provision of services to the homeless; and

(4) prevent the loss of state and federal funding for services to the homeless.

(b) The council shall prepare and submit quarterly reports to the department on:

(1) the rate of participation by service providers to the homeless in a homeless management information system, aggregated by region and participation trends throughout this

1 state;

2 (2) barriers to achieving statewide participation in a
3 homeless management information system, including data input
4 issues and quality control challenges related to statewide
5 participation in a homeless management information system, and
6 potential solutions to those barriers;

7 (3) available funding sources to provide resources and
8 incentivize participation in a homeless management information
9 system;

10 (4) an estimated timeline for updates to and the
11 continued customization of homeless management information systems
12 used by service providers to the homeless throughout this state;

13 (5) the compliance with procurement regulations and
14 privacy laws by homeless management information systems used by
15 service providers to the homeless throughout this state;

16 (6) feedback from participating and nonparticipating
17 service providers to the homeless on:

18 (A) the ease of access to participate in a
19 homeless management information system; and

20 (B) the local oversight of homeless management
21 information system administrators;

22 (7) recommendations provided by homeless management
23 information system administrators throughout this state on
24 carrying out this section and achieving statewide participation in
25 a homeless management information system; and

26 (8) data-driven scenarios that have improved the
27 provision of services to the homeless throughout this state.

1 (c) In carrying out this section and to achieve the goal of
2 statewide participation in a homeless management information
3 system, the council may seek assistance from the Texas Homeless
4 Network or any other organization in this state with a network of
5 service providers to the homeless.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.