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H.B. No. 2045

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate the housing  
3 needs of senior citizens who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
4 transgender, queer, or questioning.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "task force" means the task  
7 force established under this section.

8 (b) The task force is established to evaluate the housing  
9 needs of senior citizens who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
10 transgender, queer, or questioning and to develop potential housing  
11 solutions to address those needs and provide to those senior  
12 citizens safe, affordable housing options. In conducting the  
13 evaluation, the task force shall assess the evolving housing needs  
14 of senior citizens who may need to transition into a long-term care  
15 facility, including an assisted living facility or a nursing  
16 facility.

17 (c) The task force is composed of the following 10 members:

18 (1) the chair of the LGBTQ caucus of the house of  
19 representatives, to serve as presiding officer of the task force;  
20 and

21 (2) nine members appointed by the governor as follows:

22 (A) three appropriately qualified individuals  
23 who are representatives of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
24 queer, or questioning community;

1                   (B) three individuals with appropriate expertise  
2 on issues faced by the aging population, which may include  
3 representatives of the Coalition for Aging LGBT, assisted living  
4 facilities, or nursing facilities; and

5                   (C) three individuals with appropriate expertise  
6 in the area of public safety and housing, which may include one or  
7 more representatives of the Texas Department of Housing and  
8 Community Affairs.

9           (d) In making the appointments under Subsection (c) of this  
10 section, the governor shall seek input from appropriately qualified  
11 organizations and stakeholders, including the Coalition for Aging  
12 LGBT and Equality Texas.

13           (e) The governor shall make the appointments required by  
14 Subsection (c) of this section not later than November 1, 2021.

15           (f) The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding  
16 officer. The task force may meet in person or by electronic means.

17           (g) A task force member is not entitled to compensation for  
18 service on the task force but may be reimbursed for actual and  
19 necessary expenses incurred in performing task force duties. The  
20 task force may accept gifts, grants, and donations to pay for those  
21 expenses.

22           (h) Not later than September 1, 2022, the task force shall  
23 prepare and submit to the governor, the legislature, and the Texas  
24 Department of Housing and Community Affairs a written report  
25 summarizing the results of the evaluation conducted under  
26 Subsection (b) of this section and proposing potential housing  
27 solutions, including any legislative recommendations.

1           (i) The task force is abolished and this Act expires  
2 December 1, 2022.

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