

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 1301

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the services provided by a colonia self-help center.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2306.586(a), (b), (c), and (d), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The purpose of a self-help center is to assist individuals and families of low income and very low income to finance, refinance, construct, improve, or maintain a safe, suitable home and otherwise improve living conditions in the colonias' designated service area or in another area the department has determined is suitable.

(b) A self-help center shall set a goal to improve the living conditions of residents in the colonias designated under Section 2306.583(b) [~~2306.583(a)(2)~~] within a two-year period after a contract is awarded under this subchapter.

(c) A self-help center may serve individuals and families of low income and very low income by:

(1) providing assistance in obtaining loans or grants to build a home;

(2) teaching construction skills necessary to repair or build a home;

(3) providing model home plans;

(4) operating a program to rent or provide tools for home construction and improvement for the benefit of property

1 owners in colonias who are building or repairing a residence or  
2 installing necessary residential infrastructure;

3 (5) helping to obtain, construct, access, or improve  
4 the service and utility infrastructure designed to service  
5 residences in a colonia, including potable water, wastewater  
6 disposal, drainage, streets, and utilities;

7 (6) surveying or platting residential property that an  
8 individual purchased without the benefit of a legal survey, plat,  
9 or record;

10 (7) providing credit and debt counseling related to  
11 home purchase and finance;

12 (8) applying for grants and loans to provide housing  
13 and other needed community improvements;

14 (9) providing other services that the self-help  
15 center, with the approval of the department, determines are  
16 necessary to assist colonia residents in improving their ~~[physical]~~  
17 living conditions, including help in:

18 (A) developing professional skills;

19 (B) achieving financial literacy; or

20 (C) obtaining suitable alternative housing  
21 outside of a colonia's area;

22 (10) providing assistance in obtaining loans or grants  
23 to enable an individual or a family to acquire fee simple title to  
24 property that originally was purchased under a contract for a deed,  
25 contract for sale, or other executory contract; and

26 (11) providing monthly programs to educate  
27 individuals and families on their rights and responsibilities as

1 property owners.

2 (d) A self-help center may not provide grants, financing, or  
3 mortgage loan services to purchase, build, rehabilitate, or finance  
4 construction or improvements to a home or otherwise improve living  
5 conditions in a colonia if water service and suitable wastewater  
6 disposal are not available.

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

**ADOPTED**

**MAY 24 2021**

*Latey Law*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Zaffirini*

A.B. No. 1301

Substitute the following for \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_:

By: *[Signature]*

C.S. \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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17 necessary to assist colonia residents in improving their ~~physical~~  
18 living conditions, including help in:

19 (A) obtaining suitable alternative housing  
20 outside of a colonia's area; and

21 (B) performing the following authorized public  
22 service activities under Title 1 of the Housing and Community  
23 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Section 5301 et seq.):

24 (i) securing employment;

25 (ii) establishing or expanding a small  
26 business;

27 (iii) developing professional skills; or

1                                    (iv) managing personal finances and  
2 achieving financial literacy;

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4 to enable an individual or a family to acquire fee simple title to  
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13 conditions in a colonia if water service and suitable wastewater  
14 disposal are not available.

15            SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "colonia" has the meaning  
16 assigned by Section 2306.581, Government Code.

17            (b) A joint interim committee is established to study  
18 colonias and colonia initiatives in this state.

19            (c) The joint interim committee is composed of the members  
20 of the standing committees of the legislature with primary  
21 jurisdiction over colonias and colonia issues. The committee  
22 members shall select a presiding officer from among the membership.

23            (d) In conducting the study under this section, the joint  
24 interim committee shall:

25                    (1) determine the best methods for updating and  
26 maintaining colonia identification systems and for identifying and  
27 classifying colonias in which the highest public health risks

1 exist;

2 (2) consider whether colonias should be defined  
3 uniformly across all relevant state agencies and whether that  
4 definition should include essential metrics such as:

5 (A) economic mobility levels;

6 (B) poverty levels;

7 (C) mortality rates;

8 (D) health professional shortage area scores;

9 and

10 (E) the average level of education attained by  
11 colonia residents;

12 (3) to address the enduring lack of services and  
13 infrastructure in colonias, assess best practices and funding needs  
14 for surveying the services and infrastructure available in, and  
15 demographics of, each colonia;

16 (4) assess the status of state agency tracking and  
17 reporting of state-funded colonia projects and whether  
18 improvements to the tracking or reporting mechanisms are necessary;

19 (5) determine and assess any non-infrastructure needs  
20 within colonias and options for this state to address those needs;  
21 and

22 (6) assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on  
23 colonias and whether additional state services are necessary to  
24 address those impacts.

25 (e) The joint interim committee has all other powers and  
26 duties provided to a special or select committee by the rules of the  
27 senate and house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301,

1 Government Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees  
2 on administration.

3 (f) Not later than September 1, 2022, the joint interim  
4 committee shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant  
5 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
6 legislature a written report that includes the findings of the  
7 committee under this section, including any legislative  
8 recommendations.

9 (g) The joint interim committee established under this  
10 section is abolished and this section expires November 1, 2022.

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



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 26, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1301** by Guillen (Relating to services provided by colonia self-help centers and a study on colonias in this state.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the services provided by colonia self-help centers and a study on colonias in the state. Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, this analysis anticipates no fiscal implication to the State.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 332 Dept Housing-Comm Affairs

**LBB Staff:** JMc, SD, AF, MB, MPUK

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 20, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1301** by Guillen (Relating to services provided by colonia self-help centers and a study on colonias in this state.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 16, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1301** by Guillen (Relating to the services provided by a colonia self-help center.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 31, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Philip Cortez, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1301** by Guillen (Relating to the services provided by a colonia self-help center.), **As Introduced**

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