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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2533 |
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| Urban Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Concerns have been raised regarding the ability of government agencies and non-governmental organizations to track and record data relating to people experiencing homelessness across Texas. A data sharing network, in which homeless response systems and data warehouse vendors are able to share and assess real-time data on homelessness throughout the state, would provide a more collaborative process for identifying individuals who are experiencing homelessness and connecting them with resources and services. H.B. 2533 seeks to address these concerns by creating such a data sharing network system.  |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 2533 amends the Government Code to require the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), using available resources and in collaboration with the Texas Homeless Network, to implement a homeless data sharing network through which homeless response systems and data warehouse vendors are able to share and assess real-time data on homelessness throughout Texas. The bill requires TDHCA, in implementing the homeless data sharing network, to do the following: * collaborate with health benefit plan issuers and managed care organizations to identify individuals experiencing homelessness and connect and refer those individuals to available services and resources, including housing navigation assistance, for the purpose of improving health outcomes; and
* ensure that information shared through the network that is confidential under state or federal law is not disclosed.
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| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2023. |