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H.B. No. 2181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of a homeless housing and services program for youth and young adults.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.2586 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.2586. YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "young adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age or older but younger than 26 years of age.

(b) The department may administer a youth and young adult homeless housing and services grant program to:

(1) provide for the construction, development, or procurement of housing for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness;

(2) provide financial assistance to local providers of programs and services to prevent and eliminate homelessness; and

(3) increase access to safe housing and services for youth and young adults across this state.

(c) The department may adopt rules to govern the program's administration, including rules:

(1) providing for the allocation of any available money for the program; and

1 (2) prescribing detailed guidelines on the scope of
2 the program.

3 (d) The department may use any available money to administer
4 the program, including legislative appropriations, appropriation
5 transfers from the trustee programs within the office of the
6 governor, available federal money, and any other statutorily
7 authorized and appropriate funding sources.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.