

By: Kolkhorst

S.B. No. 572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a general-law municipality or county to regulate residential child detention facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 250.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 250.014. REGULATION OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL CHILD DETENTION FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "residential child detention facility" means a private facility other than a facility licensed by this state that operates under a contract with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or another federal agency to provide 24-hour custody or care to unaccompanied immigrant or refugee children.

(b) This section applies only to a residential child detention facility.

(c) A general-law municipality or a county in the unincorporated area of the county may:

(1) designate an area in which a residential child detention facility may be located; and

(2) take other measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the individuals residing in a residential child detention facility.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.