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H.B. No. 2142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs on the feasibility of using certain models to address homelessness in this state.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) The department shall conduct a study on the feasibility of using a model to address homelessness in this state that is based on:

(1) partnerships with institutions of higher education, private entities, and local governments; and

(2) the use of:

(A) small dwelling units, as defined by the department; and

(B) community development services and plans provided through programs at institutions of higher education.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2026, the department shall prepare and submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature a written report that includes:

(1) a summary of the results of the study conducted

1 under this section; and

2 (2) any recommendations for legislative or other
3 action based on the results of the study.

4 (d) This Act expires September 1, 2027.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.