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H.B. No. 2142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the Texas Department of Housing and Community
3 Affairs on the feasibility of using certain models to address
4 homelessness in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

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

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

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

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

16 (2) the use of:

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

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

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

24 (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.