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H.B. No. 3597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public hearing requirements for issuing a license for  
or expanding certain residential child-care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0461(a), Human Resources Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(a) Before the commission [~~department~~] may issue a license  
or certificate for the operation or the expansion of the capacity of  
a general residential operation, a cottage home operation, or a  
continuum-of-care residential operation that is located in a county  
with a population of less than 500,000 [~~300,000~~], the applicant for  
the license, certificate, or expansion shall, at the applicant's  
expense:

(1) conduct a public hearing on the application in  
accordance with commission [~~department~~] rules after notifying the  
commission [~~department~~] of the date, time, and location of the  
hearing; and

(2) publish notice of the application in a newspaper  
of general circulation in the community in which the child-care  
services are proposed to be provided.

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