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H.B. No. 4726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibited provision of homeless services in certain locations.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 9, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 763 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 763. HOMELESS SERVICES

Sec. 763.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Homeless services" means services intended primarily to benefit individuals experiencing homelessness. The term includes services for shelter, medical care, meals, drug rehabilitation, job training, financial assistance, and mental health treatment.

(2) "Organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.201, Business & Commerce Code.

(3) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district, or other subdivision of state government.

(4) "Residential area" has the meaning assigned by Section 341.0358.

Sec. 763.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply to the provision of services at an overnight shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Sec. 763.003. SERVICES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS. An

organization may not provide homeless services within 1,000 feet of:

(1) a public or private primary or secondary school campus;

(2) a residential area; or

(3) a public park.

Sec. 763.004. VIOLATION; INELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN LICENSES. An organization that violates Section 763.003 is ineligible to obtain a license, permit, certificate, or other authorization necessary to operate or conduct business in this state issued by a state agency or political subdivision.

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