

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Intergovernmental Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 24, 2026
PLACE: E2.026
CHAIR: Rep. Cecil Bell

The committee will meet to hear **invited testimony only** on the following interim charges:

Mental Health Impacts, Homelessness, and System Recidivism: Study and evaluate the relationship between mental health conditions, homelessness, and the criminal justice system. Examine the availability of specialized high-acuity beds for the homeless, specifically for those with severe mental illness, addiction, and complex medical conditions. Make recommendations regarding pre-arrest diversion, alternatives to inpatient hospitalization, and best practices for sharing data to reduce recidivism.

Preventing Homelessness of Foster Youth: Study the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Foster Youth to Independence Initiative, which aims to prevent homelessness among young adults aging out of the foster care system. Examine program models from other states and determine best practices for potential applicability in Texas.

Agency Oversight: Pursuant to the broad oversight responsibilities granted to the Committee under Section 301.014, Government Code, and the House Rules of Procedure, monitor the agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction, including for fraud, waste, and abuse, where applicable. The jurisdiction of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee includes the following agencies:

- The Office of State-Federal Relations;
- The Commission on Jail Standards;
- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; and
- The Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Electronic public comments may be submitted for:

Mental Health Impacts, Homelessness, and System Recidivism
Preventing Homelessness of Foster Youth
Agency Oversight: Office of State-Federal Relations
Agency Oversight: Commission on Jail Standards
Agency Oversight: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Agency Oversight: Texas Commission on Fire Protection

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