By: Miles S.B. No. 344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to first responder policies for emergencies occurring at a group home in certain municipalities and counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 370, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 370.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.010. GROUP HOME POLICIES IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES. (a) In this section, "group home" has the meaning assigned by Section 767.001, Health and Safety Code.

(b) This section applies only to a municipality wholly or partly located in a county with a population of more than 300,000 and a county with a population of more than 300,000.

(c) A municipal or county law enforcement agency, a municipal or county fire department, and any other municipal or county department providing emergency medical services shall develop policies to respond to an emergency occurring at a group home, regardless of whether the group home holds a license. In developing a policy under this subsection, a municipal or county department shall establish any procedures necessary for an efficient response to an emergency after considering the nature of group homes.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.