

1-1 By: Turner of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 679
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
 1-3 April 23, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 4; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on homeless youth.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by
 1-22 adding Subchapter OO to read as follows:
 1-23 SUBCHAPTER OO. HOMELESS YOUTH
 1-24 Sec. 2306.1101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "homeless
 1-25 youth" means a person who is younger than 19 years of age, including
 1-26 a migratory child, as defined by Section 1309, Elementary and
 1-27 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 6399), who:
 1-28 (1) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
 1-29 residence, including a person who is:
 1-30 (A) temporarily allowed to stay in the house of
 1-31 another person due to loss of housing;
 1-32 (B) temporarily living in a motel or hotel;
 1-33 (C) living in an emergency shelter;
 1-34 (D) abandoned in a hospital; or
 1-35 (E) awaiting foster care placement;
 1-36 (2) has a primary nighttime residence that is a public
 1-37 or private place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular
 1-38 sleeping accommodation for humans; or
 1-39 (3) is living in a car, park, other public space,
 1-40 abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or
 1-41 similar setting.
 1-42 Sec. 2306.1102. STUDY ON HOMELESS YOUTH. (a) The
 1-43 department, in conjunction with other members of the Texas
 1-44 Interagency Council for the Homeless established under Subchapter
 1-45 KK, shall conduct a study on homeless youth.
 1-46 (b) In conducting the study, the department shall:
 1-47 (1) collect data on the number of homeless youth in
 1-48 this state;
 1-49 (2) examine the needs of homeless youth and the degree
 1-50 to which current programs are meeting those needs;
 1-51 (3) identify any sources of funding that might be
 1-52 available to provide services to homeless youth; and
 1-53 (4) develop a strategic plan establishing steps to be
 1-54 taken and timelines for reducing youth homelessness in this state.
 1-55 (c) The department shall submit a report on the study to the
 1-56 legislature not later than December 1, 2016. The report must
 1-57 include a summary of the information resulting from the study and
 1-58 recommendations for changes in law necessary to provide services to
 1-59 or otherwise assist homeless youth.
 1-60 (d) This section expires September 1, 2017.
 1-61 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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