

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1744
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; March 26, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
 1-4 April 27, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 27, 2021, 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 the services provided by a colonia self-help center.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Sections 2306.586(a), (b), (c), and (d),
 1-22 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
 1-23 (a) The purpose of a self-help center is to assist
 1-24 individuals and families of low income and very low income to
 1-25 finance, refinance, construct, improve, or maintain a safe,
 1-26 suitable home and otherwise improve living conditions in the
 1-27 colonias' designated service area or in another area the department
 1-28 has determined is suitable.
 1-29 (b) A self-help center shall set a goal to improve the
 1-30 living conditions of residents in the colonias designated under
 1-31 Section 2306.583(b) [~~2306.583(a)(2)~~] within a two-year period
 1-32 after a contract is awarded under this subchapter.
 1-33 (c) A self-help center may serve individuals and families of
 1-34 low income and very low income by:
 1-35 (1) providing assistance in obtaining loans or grants
 1-36 to build a home;
 1-37 (2) teaching construction skills necessary to repair
 1-38 or build a home;
 1-39 (3) providing model home plans;
 1-40 (4) operating a program to rent or provide tools for
 1-41 home construction and improvement for the benefit of property
 1-42 owners in colonias who are building or repairing a residence or
 1-43 installing necessary residential infrastructure;
 1-44 (5) helping to obtain, construct, access, or improve
 1-45 the service and utility infrastructure designed to service
 1-46 residences in a colonia, including potable water, wastewater
 1-47 disposal, drainage, streets, and utilities;
 1-48 (6) surveying or platting residential property that an
 1-49 individual purchased without the benefit of a legal survey, plat,
 1-50 or record;
 1-51 (7) providing credit and debt counseling related to
 1-52 home purchase and finance;
 1-53 (8) applying for grants and loans to provide housing
 1-54 and other needed community improvements;
 1-55 (9) providing other services that the self-help
 1-56 center, with the approval of the department, determines are
 1-57 necessary to assist colonia residents in improving their ~~physical~~
 1-58 living conditions, including help in:
 1-59 (A) obtaining suitable alternative housing
 1-60 outside of a colonia's area; and
 1-61 (B) performing the following authorized public

2-1 service activities under Title 1 of the Housing and Community
2-2 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Section 5301 et seq.):

2-3 (i) securing employment;

2-4 (ii) establishing or expanding a small
2-5 business; or

2-6 (iii) managing personal finances;

2-7 (10) providing assistance in obtaining loans or grants
2-8 to enable an individual or a family to acquire fee simple title to
2-9 property that originally was purchased under a contract for a deed,
2-10 contract for sale, or other executory contract; and

2-11 (11) providing monthly programs to educate
2-12 individuals and families on their rights and responsibilities as
2-13 property owners.

2-14 (d) A self-help center may not provide grants, financing, or
2-15 mortgage loan services to purchase, build, rehabilitate, or finance
2-16 construction or improvements to a home or otherwise improve living
2-17 conditions in a colonia if water service and suitable wastewater
2-18 disposal are not available.

2-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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