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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is the lead agency responsible for affordable housing. Chapter 2306 (Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs) of the Government Code requires TDHCA to report annually on activities in the preceding year, provide an overview of statewide housing needs, and provide a resource allocation plan to meet the state's housing needs. This plan is called the State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan (SLIHP).

The SLIHP reports on general policy issues and focuses on the needs of specific populations, such as individuals with special needs and the homeless. S.B. 109 adds veterans, farmworkers, and youth who are aging out of foster care to the populations covered under reporting requirements. In addition, S.B. 109 requires TDHCA to report on ways to improve the coordination of TDHCA services across agency programs.

As proposed, S.B. 109 amends current law relating to the state low income housing plan and report developed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2306.072(c), Government Code, as follows:

(c) Requires that the annual low income housing report include among certain content a comprehensive statement of the activities of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) during the preceding year to address the needs identified in the state low income housing plan prepared as required by Section 2306.0721 (Low Income Housing Plan), including TDHCA's progress in meeting the goals established in the previous housing plan, including goals established with respect to the populations described by Section 2306.0721(c)(1) and recommendations on how to improve the coordination of TDHCA services to the populations described by Section 2306.0721(c)(1).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2306.0721(c), Government Code, as follows:

(c) Requires that the integrated state low income housing plan include:

(1) an estimate and analysis of the size and the different housing needs of certain populations in each uniform state service region, including veterans, farmworkers, and youth who are aging out of foster care; and

(2)-(14) Makes no changes to these subdivisions.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.