

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, funds are allocated from the federal Community Development Block grant program on a regional basis to ensure the equitable distribution of those funds to communities throughout the state. The allocation of funds in the state housing program, however, is currently left to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (department). As a result, many of the housing developments financed through the department are concentrated in urban areas, leaving many smaller cities and rural areas unfunded. C.S.S.B. 1112 would establish the allocation of programs maintained by the department to the state planning regions based on a formulation of proportionate numbers of households in need of housing assistance.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1112 establishes the allocation of programs maintained by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to the state planning regions based on population.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2306.111, Government Code, by adding Sections (d), (e), and (f), to require the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (department) to allocate housing funds provided from certain state and federal funding. Requires the department, if it is determined that an insufficient number of eligible applications for assistance out of allocated funds and credits are submitted to the department from a particular uniform state service region, to use the excess allocated funds and credits for other set asides. Requires the department to include in its annual low income housing plan certain formulas and allocation targets. Requires the department to include in its annual low income housing report the amounts of funds and credits allocated to each uniform state service region in the preceding year for each federal and state program affected by certain requirements.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2306.111, Local Government Code, by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f), to add text regarding the allocation and use of certain funds and credits to a uniformed state service region. Deletes proposed SECTION 1.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2000. Deletes proposed effective date.