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What HB 645 / SB 1166 <u>WILL</u> Do	What HB 645 / SB 1166 <u>WILL NOT</u> Do
It will give another choice to residents of licensed group homes now isolated by the Thousand Foot Rule to live in a Planned Residential Community of their choice designed for their safety, services, supports and socially meaningful inclusion. It will apply to group homes of six or fewer residents.	It will not force anyone to live in a Planned Residential Community. Some people with developmental disabilities may prefer to live in the general community and that is their prerogative. Everyone has a right to choose .
It will allow private grass roots organizations to initiate innovative planned communities. It will be person centered and choice based.	It will not be policy directed by surrogates and councils who act as primary decision makers with one-size fits all solutions.
It will use funding provided by non profit organizations, private donations or public grants towards the purchase of land and homes. No one will be locked in.	It will not use Med Waiver funding to create a lock-down facility or an "institution" with connotations of confinement and abuse that existed thirty or forty years ago. The government does not build or run group homes.
It will provide the same Med Waiver reimbursement to licensed group and foster homes that exist in the general community. It is cost neutral.	It will not take Med Waiver funding away from licensed group and foster homes that exist in the general community. Funding follows the person.
It will give equal opportunity to people with developmental disabilities to exercise the same self-determination and choice available to all other citizens regarding where they want to live and next to whom they want to live, supported by the Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Pub L. No. 106-402.	It will not support arbitrary rule making with no statutory authority to deny individuals and their families the right to choose where and with whom they want to live, deny services they are entitled to receive because of location, establish a quota system, dictate rules of lifestyle such as dining preferences, limit educational or work opportunities, or restrict ownership.
It will provide inclusion in a meaningful social climate where people with shared interests live, work and play together with opportunities to enjoy outside employment or recreational opportunities within and outside the community.	It will not segregate friends from each other by distancing requirements or create an inner city ghetto with soup kitchens and homeless shelters.
It will provide safety in a protective environment where people will be able to walk about freely, ride their bikes, or play in recreational areas without fear of being molested or hit by a car.	It will not expose them to dangerous predators or environments. Unfortunately, people with disabilities are easy targets wherever they live, but especially in regular neighborhoods.
It will provide opportunities for special amenities such as a community center, pool, ball field, tennis court, transportation.	It will not force people to sit alone in their rooms for lack of activities, companionship or transportation.
It will expand opportunities for services like supported employment, adult classes and planned activities within easy access and reduced cost.	It will not limit daily activities to shuttling residents back and forth from their group home to a day training center.
It will make available natural supports and more oversight from caregivers, friends and family members who choose to live in the same community.	It will not exclude other living arrangements such as Supported Living Arrangements and foster homes, as well as private family homes.