

REFERENCE TITLE: supportive housing pilot program

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SB 1628

Introduced by
Senator Bolick

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-3958; REPEALING SECTION 41-3958, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 37, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-3958, to read:

4 41-3958. Arizona supportive housing pilot program

5 A. THE ARIZONA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED IN
6 THE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE BY OFFERING
7 STABLE HOUSING WITH ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE USE
8 TREATMENT, JOB TRAINING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS
9 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE. THE ARIZONA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
10 PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED WITH MONIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY
11 OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS.

12 B. INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND SPECIFICALLY
13 INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO
14 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO
15 VETERANS, FAMILIES, SENIOR CITIZENS AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN
16 THIS STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

17 C. THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE SMALL FACILITY OR DORMITORY-STYLE
18 HOUSING TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, WITH UNITS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE AT
19 LEAST TEN RESIDENTS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY RESIDENTS PER HOME. EACH
20 FACILITY SHALL FEATURE COMMUNAL KITCHENS AND LIVING AREAS AND DESIGNATED
21 SPACES FOR THERAPY OR CASE MANAGEMENT.

22 D. ALL PROGRAM STAFF SHALL RECEIVE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING TO
23 ENSURE SUPPORTIVE, NONJUDGMENTAL INTERACTIONS WITH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

24 E. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO CASE MANAGERS AND
25 SOCIAL WORKERS WHO SHALL CONNECT THE PARTICIPANTS WITH ANY ADDITIONAL
26 RESOURCES AS NEEDED.

27 F. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

28 1. MEET QUARTERLY WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE COLLABORATION BETWEEN
29 HEALTH, HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES IN THIS STATE AND ALLOW FOR
30 ONGOING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PROGRAM.

31 2. ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

32 G. THE PROGRAM SHALL:

33 1. TRACK PARTICIPANT HOUSING STABILITY USING THE HOMELESS
34 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM WITH A GOAL OF REDUCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS
35 AMONG PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT WITHIN THREE YEARS.

36 2. COLLECT AND TRACK EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PARTICIPATION DATA
37 AMONG PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH A GOAL OF SECURING EMPLOYMENT, ENROLLING
38 PARTICIPANTS IN JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS OR OBTAINING STABLE INCOME SOURCES
39 FOR SIXTY PERCENT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

40 3. TRACK HOUSING STABILITY DATA THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM WITH A GOAL
41 OF MAINTAINING HOUSING FOR EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR
42 TWO YEARS AFTER ENTERING THE PROGRAM.

43 H. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT
44 A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF
45 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
46 PROGRAM, WHETHER ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE

1 PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS, ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF
2 THE PROGRAM AND ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS. IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FINAL
3 REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND WHETHER THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE
4 CONTINUED.

5 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

6 Section 41-3958, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is
7 repealed from and after December 31, 2030.