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HOUSE BILL 2533

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-3030.27; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6; RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 27, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-3030.27, to read:
4 41-3030.27. Office of homeless services; termination July 1,
5 2030
6 A. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TERMINATES ON JULY 1, 2030.
7 B. TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE 6 AND THIS SECTION ARE REPEALED ON
8 JANUARY 1, 2031.
9 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 37, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
10 by adding article 6, to read:
11 ARTICLE 6. OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES
12 41-4101. Definitions
13 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
14 1. "BOARD" MEANS THE ARIZONA HOMELESS SERVICES BOARD.
15 2. "CONTINUUM OF CARE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A REGIONAL OR LOCAL
16 PLANNING BODY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
17 URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
18 3. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.
19 4. "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
20 BOARD.
21 5. "HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM" MEANS AN INFORMATION
22 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM THAT:
23 (a) IS USED TO COLLECT CLIENT DATA AND DATA ON HOUSING AND SERVICES
24 PROVIDED TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
25 IN THIS STATE.
26 (b) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
27 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
28 6. "HOMELESS SERVICES BUDGET" MEANS THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND OVERVIEW
29 OF ALL HOMELESS SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION
30 41-4103.
31 7. "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES.
32 8. "SERVICE PROVIDER" MEANS AN AGENCY IN THIS STATE OR A CITY, TOWN
33 OR COUNTY OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO
34 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE OR WHO ARE AT
35 RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.
36 41-4102. Office of homeless services; director; powers and
37 duties
38 A. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES IS ESTABLISHED. THE OFFICE
39 SHALL DIRECT HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE STATE.
40 B. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION
41 38-211. THE DIRECTOR IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO
42 SECTION 38-611. THE OFFICE MAY EMPLOY CLERICAL, PROFESSIONAL AND
43 TECHNICAL PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE AND
44 SHALL PRESCRIBE THEIR DUTIES AND DETERMINE THEIR COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO
45 SECTION 38-611.

- 1 C. THE OFFICE SHALL:
2 1. DIRECT HOMELESS SERVICES IN THIS STATE.
3 2. MANAGE AND MAINTAIN, ALONG WITH COORDINATING AND SHARING DATA
4 WITH CONTINUUM OF CARE ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES
5 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, A HOMELESS MANAGEMENT
6 INFORMATION SYSTEM OR ANY OTHER DATA SYSTEM IN THIS STATE THAT DOES ALL OF
7 THE FOLLOWING:
8 (a) COLLECTS AND SHARES DATA FROM AND WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND AGENCIES THAT ADDRESS HOUSING, SOCIAL, WELFARE,
10 WORKFORCE AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THIS STATE REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
11 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE OR WHO ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING
12 HOMELESS.
13 (b) REPORTS FINANCIAL, PROGRAM AND OUTCOME DATA TO DETERMINE
14 EFFICACY AND OVERSIGHT IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND
15 FAMILIES IN THIS STATE.
16 D. THE OFFICE MAY APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS, LOANS AND ANY OTHER
17 FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE MONIES FOR THE OFFICE AND TO ADDRESS
18 HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE.
19 41-4103. Director; powers and duties; annual report
20 A. THE DIRECTOR SHALL:
21 1. IN COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL
22 HOMELESS SERVICES BUDGET AND OVERVIEW OF ALL HOMELESS SERVICES AVAILABLE
23 TO RESIDENTS IN THIS STATE.
24 2. OVERSEE MONIES PROVIDED FOR HOMELESS SERVICES IN THIS STATE.
25 3. PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE BOARD AND SERVE AS A
26 MEMBER OF THE BOARD.
27 4. AT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST, REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR ON
28 ISSUES REGARDING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE.
29 5. REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
30 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR ON ISSUES REGARDING
31 HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.
32 6. ENSURE THAT THE ANNUAL HOMELESS SERVICES BUDGET PURSUANT TO THIS
33 SECTION INCLUDES AN OVERVIEW, OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION PLAN FOR ALL
34 FUNDING SOURCES FOR HOMELESS SERVICES IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING FROM
35 AGENCIES IN THIS STATE, CONTINUUM OF CARE ORGANIZATIONS, HOUSING
36 AUTHORITIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, FEDERAL SOURCES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.
37 7. DETERMINE SPECIFIC GOALS AND MEASURABLE BENCHMARKS FOR REDUCING
38 HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS, IN THIS STATE AND
39 COORDINATING AND INTEGRATING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
40 HOMELESSNESS AMONG AGENCIES IN THIS STATE AND ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN
41 THIS STATE.
42 8. PROVIDE OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN AN
43 EFFECTIVE, SAFE, COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER AND TO ACCOMPLISH
44 THIS STATE'S GOALS AND BENCHMARKS.

1 9. IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES AND PROVIDE
2 ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL
3 HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE FUNDING.

4 10. OVERSEE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DATABASES AND IMPROVED DATA
5 SHARING AMONG ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE STATE.

6 11. EMPLOY AN OMBUDSMAN TO ASSIST WITH THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.
7 THE OMBUDSMAN SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO AND ASSIST QUALIFIED PROPERTY
8 OWNERS IN THIS STATE WITH APPLYING FOR A REFUND PURSUANT TO SECTION
9 42-17451.

10 12. CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL
11 PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING PROVIDING HOUSING AND
12 SHELTER, INTEGRATION OF TREATMENT FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES AND
13 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, ADDICTION RECOVERY, PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS AND
14 WORKFORCE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

15 13. PREPARE A STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF
16 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS, IN
17 THIS STATE.

18 B. IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY PURSUANT TO
19 THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PRIORITIZE THE FUNDING OF PROGRAMS AND
20 PROVIDERS THAT HAVE A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF SUCCESSFULLY DOING ANY OF THE
21 FOLLOWING:

22 1. REDUCING THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN
23 THIS STATE.

24 2. REDUCING THE NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS.

25 3. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS
26 MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS RECEIVING TREATMENT, INCLUDING
27 THOSE SUBJECT TO ORDERS FOR INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT.

28 4. INCREASING EARNED INCOME AMONG PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

29 5. IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY BY REDUCING CALLS FOR SERVICES, ARRESTS
30 AND CITIZEN COMPLAINTS.

31 C. ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2027 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
32 DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR
33 INCLUSION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORT. THE REPORT SHALL
34 INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

35 1. ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HOMELESS SERVICES BUDGET.

36 2. A STRATEGIC PLAN ON HOW TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN
37 THIS STATE.

38 3. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO DIRECTING AND
39 PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE.

40 4. IN COORDINATION WITH THE BOARD, A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF THE
41 OFFICE'S DISBURSEMENT OF MONIES DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR FROM ANY
42 GRANT PROGRAM THAT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE.

43 5. AN OUTCOME REPORT INDICATING THE RESULTS OF THE OFFICE'S
44 ACTIVITIES IN ATTAINING THE OFFICE'S GOALS AND MILESTONES.

1 (a) DEVELOP MILESTONES AND METRICS FOR REDUCING HOMELESSNESS,
2 ESPECIALLY UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS, IN EACH MUNICIPALITY'S RESPECTIVE
3 REGION.

4 (b) DEVELOP A SPENDING PLAN THAT ADMINISTERS AND PROVIDES OVERSIGHT
5 AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE FUNDING SUPPLIED TO LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS.

6 (c) DETERMINE OUTCOMES AND SET TARGETS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC NEEDS IN
7 EACH COMMUNITY.

8 3. IMPLEMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR SERVICE
9 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING THE SUPPORT OF COLLECTING CONSISTENT AND TRANSPARENT
10 DATA.

11 4. REGULARLY UPDATE THE STRATEGIC PLAN ON HOMELESSNESS PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 41-4103 TO REFLECT TRENDS IN HOMELESSNESS AND OUTCOMES AS
13 IDENTIFIED BY THE REVIEW OF LOCAL DATA AND PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY
14 METRICS.

15 5. SET ANNUAL STATE AND LOCAL GOALS FOR REDUCING HOMELESSNESS AMONG
16 THE TARGET POPULATIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE BOARD.

17 6. MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRATEGIES TO REDUCE ILLEGAL DRUG USE
18 WITHIN HOMELESS SHELTERS, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
19 HOUSING IN THIS STATE.

20 7. FACILITATE CONNECTIONS TO ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING
21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, ADDICTION RECOVERY AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
22 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS STATE OR
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.

24 8. REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
25 SYSTEM AND OTHER STATE DATA SYSTEMS AND REQUIRE DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS
26 AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING HOMELESS SERVICES, PHYSICAL HEALTH
27 SYSTEMS, MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

28 9. WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
29 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND RETURNS TO
30 HOMELESSNESS.

31 10. ESTABLISH RULES AND STANDARDS FOR BEDS LOCATED IN HOMELESS
32 SHELTERS IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING ASSIGNING PRIORITY TO INDIVIDUALS
33 DISCHARGED FROM THE ARIZONA STATE HOSPITAL.

34 K. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL ACT IN AN
35 ADVISORY CAPACITY FOR THE BOARD AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE
36 BOARD'S DUTIES.

37 L. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE
38 DECISIONS INDEPENDENT OF THE BOARD.

39 M. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
40 BOARD SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
41 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT INCLUDES ALL
42 OF THE FOLLOWING:

43 1. THE STATE'S YEAR-TO-DATE PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE OFFICE'S
44 MILESTONES, GOALS AND METRICS, INCLUDING:

- 1 (a) THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS IN THIS
2 STATE.
- 3 (b) THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED OR
4 ORDERED INTO TREATMENT.
- 5 (c) THE INCREASED EARNINGS OF PARTICIPANTS OF FEDERALLY, STATE AND
6 LOCALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS.
- 7 2. THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
8 RETURNING FOR SERVICES.
- 9 3. THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH OUTSTANDING WARRANTS.
- 10 4. THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS.
- 11 5. THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENTS.
- 12 Sec. 3. Initial terms of the members of the Arizona homeless
13 services board
- 14 A. Notwithstanding section 41-4104, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
15 added by this act, the initial terms of board members who are appointed
16 pursuant to section 41-4104, subsection A, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
17 added by this act, are:
- 18 1. Two terms ending January 1, 2030.
- 19 2. Two terms ending January 1, 2031.
- 20 3. Two terms ending January 1, 2032.
- 21 B. All subsequent appointments shall be made as prescribed by law.
- 22 Sec. 4. Purpose
- 23 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection E, Arizona Revised Statutes,
24 the legislature establishes the office of homeless services to direct
25 homeless services in this state.