

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; homeless shelter services fund

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SB 1596

Introduced by
Senator Alston: Representative Connolly

AN ACT

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

(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 37, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-3958, to read:

4 41-3958. Homeless shelter and services fund; exemption

5 A. THE HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICES FUND IS ESTABLISHED. THE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE FUND CONSISTS OF LEGISLATIVE
7 APPROPRIATIONS, OTHER MONIES DIRECTED TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE FUND AND
8 INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON MONIES IN THE FUND. ON NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT,
9 THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST AND DIVEST MONIES IN THE FUND AS PROVIDED
10 BY SECTION 35-313, AND MONIES EARNED FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO
11 THE FUND.

12 B. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED. THE
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE MONIES TO AWARD GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 24 OF
14 THIS TITLE TO COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, INDIAN TRIBES AND NONPROFIT
15 ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SHELTER AND SERVICES TO
16 UNSHELTERED PERSONS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

17 C. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
18 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

19 Sec. 2. Appropriation: homeless shelter and services fund

20 The sum of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
21 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the homeless shelter and services fund
22 established by section 41-3958, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
23 act.