
HOUSE BILL 2856

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By Representative Miloscia

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1 AN ACT Relating to the annual revision of performance measures
2 pertaining to homeless housing programs; and amending RCW 43.185C.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.040 and 2009 c 518 s 17 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Six months after the first Washington homeless census, the
7 department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on
8 homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board, prepare and
9 publish a ten-year homeless housing strategic plan which shall outline
10 statewide goals and performance measures and shall be coordinated with
11 the plan for homeless families with children required under RCW
12 43.63A.650. To guide local governments in preparation of their first
13 local homeless housing plans due December 31, 2005, the department
14 shall issue by October 15, 2005, temporary guidelines consistent with
15 this chapter and including the best available data on each community's
16 homeless population. Local governments' ten-year homeless housing
17 plans shall not be substantially inconsistent with the goals and
18 program recommendations of the temporary guidelines and, when amended
19 after 2005, the state strategic plan.

1 (2) Program outcomes and performance measures and goals shall be
2 created by the department and reflected in the department's homeless
3 housing strategic plan as well as interim goals against which state and
4 local governments' performance may be measured, including:

5 (a) By the end of year one, completion of the first census as
6 described in RCW 43.185C.030;

7 (b) By the end of each subsequent year, goals common to all local
8 programs which are measurable and the achievement of which would move
9 that community toward housing its homeless population; and

10 (c) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population statewide
11 and in each county by fifty percent.

12 (3) The department shall develop a consistent statewide data
13 gathering instrument to monitor the performance of cities and counties
14 receiving grants in order to determine compliance with the terms and
15 conditions set forth in the grant application or required by the
16 department.

17 The department shall, in consultation with the interagency council
18 on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board, report
19 biennially to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
20 legislature an assessment of the state's performance in furthering the
21 goals of the state ten-year homeless housing strategic plan and the
22 performance of each participating local government in creating and
23 executing a local homeless housing plan which meets the requirements of
24 this chapter. The annual report may include performance measures such
25 as:

26 (a) The reduction in the number of homeless individuals and
27 families from the initial count of homeless persons;

28 (b) The number of new units available and affordable for homeless
29 families by housing type;

30 (c) The number of homeless individuals identified who are not
31 offered suitable housing within thirty days of their request or
32 identification as homeless;

33 (d) The number of households at risk of losing housing who maintain
34 it due to a preventive intervention;

35 (e) The transition time from homelessness to permanent housing;

36 (f) The cost per person housed at each level of the housing
37 continuum;

1 (g) The ability to successfully collect data and report
2 performance;

3 (h) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public
4 bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community
5 support and participation;

6 (i) The quality and safety of housing provided; and

7 (j) The effectiveness of outreach to homeless persons, and their
8 satisfaction with the program.

9 (4) Annually, based on the performance of local homeless housing
10 programs in meeting their interim goals, on general population changes
11 and on changes in the homeless population recorded in the annual
12 census, the department (~~may~~) must revise the performance measures and
13 goals of the state homeless housing strategic plan, set or adjust goals
14 for years following the initial ten-year period, and recommend changes
15 in local governments' plans.

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