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Committee Bill No. 86

LCO No. 4655



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM
TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO
PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "family" means a household consisting of one or more persons.

3 (b) The Department of Housing shall, within available resources,
4 establish and administer a program to be known as the Homelessness
5 Response System to provide supportive housing, housing counseling
6 and navigation services and financial assistance for families
7 experiencing homelessness by providing annual operating funding for
8 the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program and the
9 coordinated access networks.

10 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
11 thereafter, the amount of the appropriation for the Homelessness
12 Response System shall be a separate budgeted line item within the
13 appropriation to the Department of Housing.

14 (d) The Department of Housing shall allocate not less than one
15 million dollars annually to the Homelessness Response System
16 according to the following formula: An amount equivalent to (1) Seven
17 dollars and thirty-six cents for each housing-related call made during
18 the preceding state fiscal year, as reported by the United Way of
19 Connecticut, to the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program;
20 and (2) one hundred nine dollars for each coordinated access network
21 appointment attended by a family referred by the United Way of
22 Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program during the preceding state fiscal
23 year, as reported in the United States Department of Housing and Urban
24 Development Homeless Management Information System.

25 (e) The Department of Housing shall establish a preference policy to
26 prioritize families experiencing homelessness, as identified by the
27 coordinated access networks, for obtaining assistance from existing
28 federal and state rental assistance programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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Joint Favorable C/R

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