
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the La. Interagency Council on Homelessness within the office of the governor.

Proposed law creates the La. Interagency Council on Homelessness within the office of the governor for the purpose of developing a statewide plan to end homelessness in La.

Proposed law provides that the duties and responsibilities of the council include:

- (1) To advise the governor, legislature, and local governments as appropriate on the causes of homelessness in La.
- (2) To identify and analyze the particular challenges and barriers that cause people in La. to become at risk of homelessness, to experience homelessness, and to be unable to return to housing.
- (3) To propose actions and policies to address the challenges, barriers, and factors that contribute to homelessness.

Proposed law requires the council to submit a report regarding the statewide plan to end homelessness.

Proposed law provides that the council shall consist of no more than 25 members. Requires that the membership be reflective of all geographic regions of the state. Provides the council shall be comprised as follows:

- (1) The commissioner of administration or his designee.
- (2) The executive director of the La. Housing Corp. or his designee.
- (3) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Education or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Corrections or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

- (7) One representative from each of the seven continuums of care located in La. appointed by the governing boards of the continuums of care.
- (8) The executive director of the La. Services Network Data Coalition or his designee.
- (9) The executive director of the La. Coalition Against Domestic Violence or his designee.
- (10) Six members appointed by the chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare from a list of seven nominations submitted jointly by the governing boards of the seven continuums of care located in La. Each chairman shall appoint three members. Requires members to have five years experience in housing or services for homeless persons.
- (11) At least two members appointed by the executive director of the La. Housing Corp. who have lived with experience of homelessness. Members shall be appointed from a list of nominations submitted jointly by the seven continuums of care located in La. Provides further with respect to qualifications of members.

Proposed law provides that appointed members serve two-year terms and designees serve at the pleasure of the designating authority. Provides that members are eligible for reappointment. Additionally provides that members appointed pursuant to (10) and (11) above shall receive a per diem for attendance at council meeting which shall be paid by the La. Housing Corp.

(Adds R.S. 36:4(B)(37) and R.S. 40:600.151)