

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 314 (HB 506)

2023 Regular Session

Adams

New 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.

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

- (1) Developing a statewide plan to end homelessness.
- (2) Advising the governor, legislature, and local governments on the causes of homelessness in La.
- (3) Submitting to the governor and the legislature an annual report regarding the plan.

New law requires that the membership of the council be reflective of all geographic regions of the state. Provides that the council is 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 state superintendent of education or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or his designee.
- (8) One representative from each of the continuums of care located in La. appointed by the governing boards of the continuums of care.
- (9) The executive director of the La. Services Network Data Consortium or his designee.
- (10) The executive director of the La. Coalition Against Domestic Violence or his designee.
- (11) The president of the La. Occupational Therapist Assoc. board of directors or his designee.
- (12) Three members appointed by the chairman of the House Committees on Health and Welfare and three members appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, all appointed from nominations submitted jointly by the governing boards of the continuums of care and each having five years experience in housing or services for homeless persons.
- (13) At least two members appointed by the executive director of the La. Housing Corp., all appointed from nominations submitted jointly by the governing boards of the continuums of care and each having lived experience of homelessness.

New law provides that appointed members serve two-year terms. Additionally provides that members appointed pursuant to (12) and (13) above shall receive a per diem paid by the La. Housing Corp. Provides that the La. Housing Corp. shall provide support for the council, including resources to facilitate remote participation in meetings as authorized by law.

Effective August 1, 2023.

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