
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Edmonds to Re-Reengrossed House Bill No. 457 by Representative Knox

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 6, after "rules;" insert "to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions;"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 13, after "standards for" insert "homeless facilities such as"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 14, after "halfway houses that" insert "receive state or local money to"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 2, delete line 11 and 12, and insert the following:

9 "D. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

10 (1) "Homelessness" means the condition of an individual who lacks a fixed,
11 regular, and adequate nighttime residence and who is primarily living or sleeping in
12 a place not ordinarily used for human habitation, including public streets, sidewalks,
13 parks, vehicles, abandoned buildings, encampments, or other outdoor locations.

14 (2)(a) "Homeless facility" means any building or structure that is established,
15 operated, maintained, or used for the primary purpose of providing overnight
16 lodging, sleeping accommodations, temporary habitation, or residential services to
17 persons experiencing homelessness, including emergency shelters, community
18 facilities, group homes, and halfway houses that provide housing or shelter to
19 individuals experiencing homelessness.

20 (b) "Homeless facility" shall not mean any of the following:

21 (i) A private residence, including but not limited to a sober living house that
22 is not operated as a homeless facility.

23 (ii) A church or other place of worship that is operated exclusively for
24 charitable"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 5

26 On page 2, line 13, after "compensation" insert "to be paid by the homeless individual"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 6

28 On page 2, after line 15 insert the following:

29 "(iii) A charitable substance abuse recovery program that is a nonprofit,
30 faith-based, or charitable residential program operated exclusively for the purpose
31 of providing counseling, rehabilitation, recovery support, vocational assistance,
32 life-skills training, or supervised residential services to individuals recovering from
33 substance abuse, addiction, alcoholism, or related behavioral health conditions.

34 (iv) A facility that is used temporarily to house persons who are displaced
35 by a hurricane or other gubernatorial declared emergency.

36 (v) A work-release facility, community reentry center, transitional work
37 program, or other correctional or rehabilitative facility operated by, under contract
38 with, or authorized by the state, a political subdivision, or a court for the purpose of
39 housing or supervising individuals participating in a work release, workforce reentry,
40 probation, parole, or similar criminal justice program."