

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 616**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Knox**

MENTAL HEALTH: Provides for oversight of publicly funded homeless service providers

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Requires suspension or termination of public funding for providers that fail to comply with proposed law.
2. Requires that the legislative auditor comply with all laws relative to confidential documents provided to the legislative auditor.
3. Adds federal funding as a source of funding that is subject to oversight by proposed law.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law authorizes the legislative auditor to review and prepare a report on publicly funded homeless service providers in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires any continuum of care organization or homeless services provider that receives federal, state, or local funds to submit to a legislative audit upon request of the funding entity and to provide the requesting entity with detailed documentation regarding program performance, effectiveness, and the use and allocation of public funds.

Proposed law requires the suspension or termination of public funding for a provider's failure to comply with these audit and reporting requirements, subject to applicable law and contract provisions.

Proposed law requires the legislative auditor to comply with present law regarding confidential documents obtained pursuant to proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 24:513(Q) and R.S. 40:581)