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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 683

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Atkins, Hueso, and Torres)**

February 17, 2011

An act to add Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710) to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homeless persons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 683, as amended, Ammiano. ~~Homelessness.~~ *Homelessness: housing status data.*

Under existing law, various agencies administer programs for the support of homeless persons.

This bill would require the Employment Development Department, the State Department of Health Care Services, and the State Department of Social Services to inquire in both paper applications and electronic applications, as prescribed, into the housing status of persons who apply for specified benefits to determine whether or not an applicant has stable housing, is at risk of homelessness, or is experiencing homelessness. This bill would require those departments only to implement those provisions when there is another reason to revise the specified applications.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a state homeless integrated data warehouse to compile prescribed data from collaborative agencies' Homeless Management Information Systems for the purpose of developing a composite portrayal of the homeless population in the state, as well as the services currently provided to people who are homeless. The bill would also require the department to cooperate and collaborate with other specified agencies, as necessary, to create an integrated data warehouse comprised of specified information on the homeless population, the services provided to them, and the annual costs of those services and would require participating agencies to submit data at least quarterly. The bill would require the department to facilitate the creation of a users' group to ensure quality, relevance, and appropriate access to integrated data, as specified. Implementation of the bill would be contingent upon sufficient federal and private funds being received to create the homeless integrated data warehouse.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *It is the intent of the Legislature to gather*
 2 *accurate, consistent data about Californians who lack housing*
 3 *stability, and how these persons use social services. It is further*
 4 *the intent of the Legislature to use this data to understand and*
 5 *address the needs of Californians who lack housing stability.*

6 SECTION 1.

7 SEC. 2. Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710) is added
 8 to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to
 9 read:

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11 CHAPTER 6.1. HOMELESS-INTEGRATED-HOUSING DATA
 12 WAREHOUSE

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14 13710.—(a) The Department of Housing and Community
 15 Development shall do all of the following:

16 (1) Create a state homeless integrated data warehouse, in
 17 accordance with Strategy 1.2 of California's Ten Year Chronic
 18 Homelessness Action Plan, to compile data from collaborative
 19 agencies' Homeless Management Information Systems. This data

1 ~~warehouse shall serve the purpose of developing a composite~~
2 ~~portrayal of the homeless population in the state, as well as the~~
3 ~~services currently provided to people who are homeless or who~~
4 ~~are at risk of becoming homeless and who are receiving prevention~~
5 ~~services. Information compiled shall include, but not be limited~~
6 ~~to, all of the following:~~

7 ~~(A) Basic demographic information about people experiencing~~
8 ~~homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.~~

9 ~~(B) If available, demographic information should include ethnic~~
10 ~~and racial identity and information based on sexual orientation,~~
11 ~~gender identity, and gender expression.~~

12 ~~(C) The number of individuals with disabilities and the number~~
13 ~~of families with a head of household experiencing a disability who~~
14 ~~have been homeless for at least one year or at least four times in~~
15 ~~the last three years.~~

16 ~~(D) Homeless individuals' access to benefits.~~

17 ~~(E) The number of individuals and families experiencing~~
18 ~~homelessness.~~

19 ~~(F) The number and entry and exit dates of individuals and~~
20 ~~families living in emergency housing.~~

21 ~~(G) The number and entry and exit dates of homeless individuals~~
22 ~~and families living in transitional housing.~~

23 ~~(H) The number and entry and exit dates of homeless individuals~~
24 ~~and families living in permanent housing.~~

25 ~~(I) Last known location or ZIP-code when housed.~~

26 ~~(J) Stated reasons for homelessness.~~

27 ~~(K) Disability status of people experiencing homelessness.~~

28 ~~(L) Veteran status of people experiencing homelessness.~~

29 ~~(M) If available, the number of unaccompanied youth~~
30 ~~experiencing homelessness.~~

31 ~~(2) Cooperate and collaborate with each of the following state~~
32 ~~agencies, as necessary, to draft and carry out a strategy to create~~
33 ~~an integrated data warehouse comprised of information from the~~
34 ~~Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the State Department~~
35 ~~of Health Care Services, the State Department of Mental Health,~~
36 ~~the State Department of Social Services, the Department of~~
37 ~~Veterans Affairs, and the State Department of Alcohol and Drug~~
38 ~~Programs, to provide longitudinal, cost-based studies to determine~~
39 ~~all of the following information:~~

- 1 ~~(A) The number of people imprisoned each year who were~~
2 ~~homeless upon arrest and the costs of their imprisonment.~~
- 3 ~~(B) The number of parolees experiencing homelessness each~~
4 ~~year and the costs of their parole.~~
- 5 ~~(C) Claims for Medi-Cal emergency department, hospital, and~~
6 ~~nursing home services among people experiencing homelessness,~~
7 ~~and the costs of those claims each year.~~
- 8 ~~(D) The number of children receiving foster care services whose~~
9 ~~family members are homeless and the costs of the foster care~~
10 ~~provided to those children each year.~~
- 11 ~~(E) Relevant information regarding the number of people who~~
12 ~~are homeless receiving services, the costs of those services, and~~
13 ~~outcomes of those services through the State Department of Mental~~
14 ~~Health, State Department of Social Services, Department of~~
15 ~~Veterans Affairs, and State Department of Alcohol and Drug~~
16 ~~Programs.~~
- 17 ~~(F) The number of people living in housing funded through~~
18 ~~programs administered by the Department of Housing and~~
19 ~~Community Development who were homeless upon admission.~~
- 20 ~~(3) Facilitate the creation of a users' group to ensure quality,~~
21 ~~relevance, and appropriate access to integrated data. This group~~
22 ~~should include, but not be limited to, a minimum of five and a~~
23 ~~maximum of 15 select members of contributing Continua of~~
24 ~~Care/Collaborative Applicants.~~
- 25 ~~(b) The data warehouse shall meet the requirements of the~~
26 ~~United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's~~
27 ~~Homeless Management Information System Technical Standards~~
28 ~~in protecting privacy.~~
- 29 ~~(c) After the creation of a data warehouse that includes data~~
30 ~~from the agencies identified in subdivision (a), participating~~
31 ~~agencies shall input data at least every quarter.~~
- 32 ~~(d) Local agencies providing services to homeless persons that~~
33 ~~use a Homeless Management Information System are encouraged~~
34 ~~to collaborate with the Department of Housing and Community~~
35 ~~Development in developing the data warehouse pursuant to this~~
36 ~~chapter.~~
- 37 ~~(e) This section shall be implemented only when sufficient~~
38 ~~federal and private funds have been received to create the homeless~~
39 ~~integrated data warehouse.~~

1 13710. (a) The following departments shall inquire, pursuant
2 to subdivision (b), into the housing status of persons who apply
3 for the following benefits to determine whether or not an applicant
4 has stable housing, is at risk of homelessness, or is experiencing
5 homelessness.

6 (1) The Employment Development Department shall inquire
7 into the housing status of persons who apply for unemployment
8 insurance benefits.

9 (2) The State Department of Health Care Services shall inquire
10 into the housing status of persons who apply for Medi-Cal benefits.

11 (3) The State Department of Social Services shall inquire into
12 the housing status of persons who apply for California Work
13 Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits and
14 CalFresh.

15 (b) Both paper and electronic application forms for the benefits
16 specified in subdivision (a) shall include the following questions,
17 and the following answers that an applicant may select, to
18 determine each applicant's housing status:

19 (1) Do you own or rent housing, or if you do not own or rent,
20 do you have a permanent place to live?

21 (A) Own.

22 (B) Rent.

23 (C) Have a permanent place to live.

24 (D) Do not have a permanent place to live.

25 (2) If you do not have a permanent place to live, where are you
26 currently staying?

27 (A) With a friend or family member.

28 (B) At a transitional living facility.

29 (C) At a shelter or church.

30 (D) In a car.

31 (E) At a migrant camp.

32 (F) In a place not intended for habitation (for example, a bus
33 depot or train station).

34 (G) On the streets.

35 (H) Other.

36 (3) If you do not have a permanent place to live, how long have
37 you not had a permanent place to live?

38 (A) Less than one year.

39 (B) Over one year.

40 (C) Off and on for two or three years.

- 1 (D) Off and on for three or more years.
- 2 (c) Each department identified in subdivision (a) shall implement
- 3 this section only when there is another reason to revise an
- 4 application for benefits.