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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 388

Introduced by Assembly Member Chang
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Baker, Brough, Lopez,
and Maienschein)
(Coauthors: Senators ~~Bates and Huff~~) *Bates, Huff, and Runner*)

February 18, 2015

An act to amend Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 388, as amended, Chang. Housing: ~~homeless veterans:~~ *supportive and transitional housing:* reports.

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit an annual report to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs administered by the department. Existing law requires the report to include, among other things, an evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.

This bill would additionally require the evaluation to include information relating to the effectiveness *of assisted programs* in helping ~~homeless veterans of any organization~~ *veterans occupying any*

supportive housing or transitional housing development that was issued funds pursuant to that act, as specified.

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 in enacting the
2 changes to Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code made by
3 Section 2 of this act to ensure that entities that are receiving funds
4 through the administration of Proposition 41, the California
5 Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014,
6 are using them in the most effective manner possible to prevent
7 veteran homelessness and to aid those impoverished veterans who
8 are already residing in homelessness. The inclusion of this study
9 would ensure that the Legislature will have adequate data to assess
10 the viability of the program as well as to give the California
11 Department of Veterans Affairs a means by which to determine
12 the viability of nonprofits that serve veterans and assess their
13 worthiness in the program.

14 SEC. 2. Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code is
15 amended to read:

16 50408. (a) On or before December 31 of each year, the
17 department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and both
18 houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments
19 during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs
20 administered by the department, including, but not limited to, the
21 Emergency Housing and Assistance Program and Community
22 Development Block Grant activity.

23 (b) The report shall include all of the following information:

24 (1) The number of units assisted by those programs.

25 (2) The number of individuals and households served and their
26 income levels.

27 (3) The distribution of units among various areas of the state.

28 (4) The amount of other public and private funds leveraged by
29 the assistance provided by those programs.

30 (5) Information detailing the assistance provided to various
31 groups of persons by programs that are targeted to assist those
32 groups.

1 (6) The information required to be reported pursuant to Section
2 17031.8.

3 (7) (A) An evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of
4 Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department
5 pursuant to Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001) of
6 Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code,
7 including information relating to the effectiveness of *assisted*
8 *programs* in helping ~~low-income homeless veterans of any~~
9 ~~organization~~ *veterans occupying any supportive housing or*
10 *transitional housing development* that was issued funds pursuant
11 to that article.

12 (B) The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the
13 following information:

14 (i) Performance outcome data including, but not limited to,
15 housing stability, housing exit information, ~~and tenant satisfaction~~
16 ~~as satisfaction, which may be~~ measured by a survey, and changes
17 in income, benefits, and education.

18 (I) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “housing stability”
19 includes, but is not limited to, ~~both of the following:~~

20 ~~(ia) How many tenants maintained exit transitional housing~~
21 ~~to permanent housing or maintain permanent housing, and the~~
22 ~~length of time those tenants spent in housing: assisted units.~~

23 ~~(ib) How many tenants move on to other housing, excluding~~
24 ~~those tenants who move on for a higher level of care and those~~
25 ~~tenants who died during tenancy.~~

26 (II) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “housing exit
27 information” includes, but is not limited to, the following:

28 (ia) How many tenants left ~~housing: assisted units.~~

29 ~~(ib) The dates those tenants left housing: length of tenancy in~~
30 ~~assisted units.~~

31 ~~(ic) The reason those tenants left housing: assisted units, when~~
32 ~~that information is readily obtainable.~~

33 ~~(id) Where tenants who have left housing find new housing:~~
34 ~~The housing status of a tenant exiting an assisted unit upon exit~~
35 ~~when that information is readily available.~~

36 (ii) Client data, which may include, but is not limited to,
37 demographic characteristics of the veteran and his or her family,
38 educational and employment status of the veteran, and
39 veteran-specific information including, but not limited to, disability

- 1 ratings, type of discharge, branch, era of service, and veterans
- 2 affairs health care eligibility.

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