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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 977

**Introduced by Assembly Members Gabriel and Petrie-Norris
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Quirk-Silva, Blanca Rubio, and Voepel)**

February 18, 2021

An act to ~~add Section 50675.1.3 to the Health and Safety Code, to add Section 987.011 to the Military and Veterans Code, to add Section 18897.5 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, and to add Sections 5849.16, 11450.04, and 15772 to amend Sections 8256 and 8257 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homelessness.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 977, as amended, Gabriel. Homelessness prevention programs: Homeless Management Information System.

(1) Existing law establishes the Multifamily Housing Program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Existing law requires assistance for projects under the program to be provided in the form of deferred payment loans to pay for eligible costs of the development, as provided. Existing law also requires that funds appropriated in the 2020 Budget Act or an act related to the 2020 Budget Act, including moneys received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to provide housing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, be disbursed in accordance with the Multifamily Housing Program for specified uses, and provides that the above-described

deferred payment loan requirement under the program does not apply to assistance provided pursuant to these provisions, as specified.

Existing law, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014, requires the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish and implement programs that focus on veterans at risk for homelessness or experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness, as specified. In this regard, existing law requires those departments to establish and implement programs that, among other things, prioritize projects that combine housing and supportive services.

Existing law authorizes an individual to contribute amounts in excess of their personal income tax liability for the support of specified funds, including the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund. Existing law requires the moneys deposited in the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to the State Department of Social Services for distribution to a designated nonprofit organization for the sole purpose of assisting pupils in California by providing school supplies and health-related products to partnering local education agencies for distribution to homeless children, as specified.

Existing law, the No Place Like Home Program, as ratified and amended by Proposition 2, which was approved by the voters at the November 6, 2018, statewide general election, provides funding to provide permanent supportive housing for the target population, which is defined to include individuals who have a serious mental disorder and who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness. Existing law authorizes the Legislature to amend Proposition 2 by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, so long as the amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of that measure.

Existing federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states. Existing state law provides for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which, through a combination of state and county funds and federal funds received through the TANF program, each county provides homeless assistance benefits to homeless families seeking shelter. Under existing law, a family is considered homeless for the purpose of establishing eligibility for homeless assistance benefits if, among other things, the family has received a notice to pay rent or quit.

~~Existing law establishes the Home Safe Program, which requires the State Department of Social Services to award grants to counties, tribes, or groups of counties or tribes that provide services to elder and dependent adults who experience abuse, neglect, and exploitation and otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for adult protective services, for the purpose of providing prescribed housing-related supports to eligible individuals.~~

~~This bill would require each recipient of funds under the programs described above to provide data elements, including, but not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with federal law, to the statewide Homeless Management Information System. *require, on or before July 1, 2022, that a grantee or entity operating specified state homelessness programs, including the No Place Like Home Program, as a condition of receiving state funds, to enter the collected data elements on the individuals and families it serves into its local Homeless Management Information System, unless otherwise exempted by state or federal law.* The bill would require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to specify the form and substance of the required data elements. ~~By imposing new requirements on the local agencies that receive funding under the programs described above, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~ *The bill would apply the data entry requirements to all new state homelessness programs that commence on or after July 1, 2022.*~~

~~Existing law creates the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and requires it, among other things, to create a statewide data system or warehouse that collects local data through Homeless Management Information Systems, with the ultimate goal of matching data on homelessness to programs impacting homeless recipients of state programs.~~

~~This bill would specify that the statewide data storage system described above be known as the Homeless Data Integration System and would grant staff of the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council specified powers in regard to its operation. The bill would require that a continuum of care, as defined in federal law, provide collected data elements, including health information, as specified, to the Homeless Data Integration System, and would except health information and personal identifying information from disclosure to the public.~~

~~By imposing new duties on local entities to provide information to the state, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.~~

(2) Existing law authorizes the Legislature to amend Proposition 2 by a 2/3 vote, so long as the amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of that measure.

The bill would state the findings of the Legislature that these provisions are consistent with, and further the intent of, the No Place Like Home Act.

(3) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

~~(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 50675.1.3 is added to the Health and~~
- 2 ~~Safety Code, to read:~~
- 3 50675.1.3. (a) ~~Notwithstanding any law, a recipient of funds~~
- 4 ~~pursuant to Section 50675.1.1 shall provide data elements,~~
- 5 ~~including, but not limited to, health information, in a manner~~
- 6 ~~consistent with federal law, to the statewide Homeless Management~~
- 7 ~~Information System.~~
- 8 (b) ~~(1) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council shall~~
- 9 ~~specify the form and substance of the data elements required~~
- 10 ~~pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

1 ~~(2) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council may,~~
2 ~~as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data~~
3 ~~elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.~~

4 ~~(e) Any health information provided to, or maintained within,~~
5 ~~the statewide Homeless Management Information System shall~~
6 ~~not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the~~
7 ~~California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with~~
8 ~~Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).~~

9 ~~(d) For purposes of this section, “health information” means~~
10 ~~“protected health information,” as defined in Section 160.103 of~~
11 ~~Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical~~
12 ~~information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the~~
13 ~~Civil Code.~~

14 ~~SEC. 2. Section 987.011 is added to the Military and Veterans~~
15 ~~Code, to read:~~

16 ~~987.011. (a) Notwithstanding any law, a recipient of funds~~
17 ~~pursuant to this article shall provide data elements, including, but~~
18 ~~not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with~~
19 ~~federal law, to the statewide Homeless Management Information~~
20 ~~System.~~

21 ~~(b) (1) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council shall~~
22 ~~specify the form and substance of the data elements required~~
23 ~~pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

24 ~~(2) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council may,~~
25 ~~as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data~~
26 ~~elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.~~

27 ~~(e) Any health information provided to, or maintained within,~~
28 ~~the statewide Homeless Management Information System shall~~
29 ~~not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the~~
30 ~~California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with~~
31 ~~Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).~~

32 ~~(d) For purposes of this section, “health information” means~~
33 ~~“protected health information,” as defined in Section 160.103 of~~
34 ~~Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical~~
35 ~~information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the~~
36 ~~Civil Code.~~

37 ~~SEC. 3. Section 18897.5 is added to the Revenue and Taxation~~
38 ~~Code, to read:~~

39 ~~18897.5. (a) Notwithstanding any law, a nonprofit organization~~
40 ~~that receives funds pursuant to Section 18897 shall provide data~~

1 elements, including, but not limited to, health information, in a
2 manner consistent with federal law, to the statewide Homeless
3 Management Information System.

4 (b) (1) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council shall
5 specify the form and substance of the data elements required
6 pursuant to subdivision (a).

7 (2) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council may,
8 as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data
9 elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.

10 (c) Any health information provided to, or maintained within,
11 the statewide Homeless Management Information System shall
12 not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the
13 California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
14 Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).

15 (d) For purposes of this section, “health information” means
16 “protected health information,” as defined in Section 160.103 of
17 Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical
18 information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the
19 Civil Code.

20 SEC. 4. Section 5849.16 is added to the Welfare and
21 Institutions Code, immediately following Section 5849.15, to read:

22 5849.16. (a) Notwithstanding any law, a recipient of funds
23 pursuant to this part shall provide data elements, including, but
24 not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with
25 federal law, to the statewide Homeless Management Information
26 System.

27 (b) (1) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council shall
28 specify the form and substance of the data elements required
29 pursuant to subdivision (a).

30 (2) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council may,
31 as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data
32 elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.

33 (c) Any health information provided to, or maintained within,
34 the statewide Homeless Management Information System shall
35 not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the
36 California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
37 Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).

38 (d) For purposes of this section, “health information” means
39 “protected health information,” as defined in Section 160.103 of
40 Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical

1 information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the
2 Civil Code.

3 ~~SEC. 5. Section 11450.04 is added to the Welfare and~~
4 ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

5 ~~11450.04. (a) Notwithstanding any law, a recipient of homeless~~
6 ~~assistance benefits shall provide data elements, including, but not~~
7 ~~limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with federal~~
8 ~~law, to the statewide Homeless Management Information System.~~

9 ~~(b) (1) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council shall~~
10 ~~specify the form and substance of the data elements required~~
11 ~~pursuant to subdivision (a):~~

12 ~~(2) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council may,~~
13 ~~as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data~~
14 ~~elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.~~

15 ~~(c) Any health information provided to, or maintained within,~~
16 ~~the statewide Homeless Management Information System shall~~
17 ~~not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the~~
18 ~~California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with~~
19 ~~Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code)~~

20 ~~(d) For purposes of this section:~~

21 ~~(1) “Health information” means “protected health information,”~~
22 ~~as defined in Section 160.103 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal~~
23 ~~Regulations, and “medical information,” as defined in subdivision~~
24 ~~(j) of Section 56.05 of the Civil Code.~~

25 ~~(2) “Homeless assistance benefits” means benefits paid pursuant~~
26 ~~to paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) of Section 11450 and Section~~
27 ~~11450.4.~~

28 ~~SEC. 6. Section 15772 is added to the Welfare and Institutions~~
29 ~~Code, immediately following Section 15771, to read:~~

30 ~~15772. (a) Notwithstanding any law, a recipient of funds~~
31 ~~pursuant to this chapter shall provide data elements, including, but~~
32 ~~not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with~~
33 ~~federal law, to the statewide Homeless Management Information~~
34 ~~System.~~

35 ~~(b) (1) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council~~
36 ~~shall specify the form and substance of the data elements required~~
37 ~~pursuant to subdivision (a):~~

38 ~~(2) The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council may,~~
39 ~~as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data~~
40 ~~elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.~~

1 ~~(e) Any health information provided to, or maintained within,~~
2 ~~the statewide Homeless Management Information System shall~~
3 ~~not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the~~
4 ~~California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with~~
5 ~~Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).~~

6 ~~(d) For purposes of this section, “health information” means~~
7 ~~“protected health information,” as defined in Section 160.103 of~~
8 ~~Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical~~
9 ~~information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the~~
10 ~~Civil Code.~~

11 *SECTION 1. Section 8256 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
12 *is amended to read:*

13 8256. (a) Agencies and departments administering state
14 programs created on or after July 1, 2017, shall collaborate with
15 the coordinating council to adopt guidelines and regulations to
16 incorporate core components of Housing First.

17 (b) By July 1, 2019, except as otherwise provided in subdivision
18 (c), agencies and departments administering state programs in
19 existence prior to July 1, 2017, shall collaborate with the
20 coordinating council to revise or adopt guidelines and regulations
21 that incorporate the core components of Housing First, if the
22 existing guidelines and regulations do not already incorporate the
23 core components of Housing First.

24 (c) (1) An agency or department that administers programs that
25 fund recovery housing shall comply with the requirements of
26 subdivision (b) by July 1, 2022.

27 (2) Until July 1, 2022, an agency or department that administers
28 programs that fund recovery housing shall additionally do all of
29 the following:

30 (A) In coordination with the Homeless Coordinating and
31 Financing Council, consult with the Legislature, the Business,
32 Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the federal Department
33 of Housing and Urban Development, and other stakeholders
34 between July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2022, to identify ways to
35 improve the provision of housing to individuals who receive
36 funding from that agency or department, consistent with the
37 applicable requirements of state law.

38 (B) Comply with the core components of Housing First, other
39 than those components described in paragraphs (5) to (7), inclusive,
40 of subdivision (b) of Section 8255.

1 (C) Ensure that recovery housing programs meet the following
2 requirements:

3 (i) A recovery housing program participant shall sign an
4 agreement upon entry that outlines the roles and responsibilities
5 of both the participant and the program administrator to ensure
6 individuals are aware of actions that could result in removal from
7 the recovery housing program.

8 (ii) If a recovery housing program participant chooses to stop
9 living in a housing setting with an abstinence focus, is discharged
10 from the program, or is evicted from housing, the program
11 administrator shall offer assistance in accessing other housing and
12 services options, including options operated with harm-reduction
13 principles. To the extent practicable, this assistance shall include
14 connecting the individual with alternative housing providers,
15 supportive services, and the local coordinated entry system, if
16 applicable. This clause does not apply to an individual who leaves
17 the program without notifying the program administrator.

18 (iii) The recovery housing program administrator shall track
19 and report annually to the program’s state funding source the
20 housing outcome for each program participant who is discharged.

21 (3) For purposes of this subdivision, “recovery housing” means
22 sober living facilities and programs that provide housing in an
23 abstinence-focused and peer-supported community for people
24 recovering from substance use issues. Participation is voluntary,
25 unless that participation is pursuant to a court order or is a condition
26 of release for individuals under the jurisdiction of a county
27 probation department or the Department of Corrections and
28 Rehabilitation.

29 (d) (1) *On or before July 1, 2022, a grantee or entity operating*
30 *the following state homelessness programs, as a condition of*
31 *receiving state funds, shall enter any collected data elements on*
32 *the individuals and families it serves into its local Homeless*
33 *Management Information System, unless otherwise exempted by*
34 *state or federal law:*

35 (A) *The program referred to as Homekey, as described in*
36 *Section 50675.1.1 of the Health and Safety Code.*

37 (B) *The Housing for a Healthy California Program established*
38 *pursuant to Part 14.2 (commencing with Section 53590) of Division*
39 *31 of the Health and Safety Code.*

1 (C) *The No Place Like Home Program established pursuant to*
 2 *Part 3.9 (commencing with Section 5849.1) of Division 5.*

3 (D) *The Multifamily Housing Program (Chapter 6.7*
 4 *(commencing with Section 50675) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the*
 5 *Health and Safety Code).*

6 (E) *The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of*
 7 *2014, as established by Article 3.2 (commencing with Section*
 8 *987.001) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans*
 9 *Code.*

10 (F) *The Bringing Families Home Program, as established by*
 11 *Article 6 (commencing with Section 16523) of Chapter 5 of Part*
 12 *4 of Division 9.*

13 (G) *The CalWORKs Housing Support Program, as described*
 14 *in Article 3.3 (commencing with Section 11330) of Chapter 2 of*
 15 *Part 3 of Division 9.*

16 (H) *The Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, as*
 17 *established by Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 18999) of*
 18 *Part 6 of Division 9.*

19 (I) *The Community Colleges Homeless and Housing Insecure*
 20 *Pilot Project, as established by funds appropriated by the Budget*
 21 *Act of 2019.*

22 (2) *Coordinating Council staff shall specify the form and*
 23 *substance of the required data elements and may, as required by*
 24 *operational necessity, amend or modify data elements, disclosure*
 25 *formats, or disclosure frequency.*

26 (3) *The requirements of paragraph (1) shall apply to all state*
 27 *homelessness programs that commence on or after July 1, 2022.*

28 (4) *For purposes of this subdivision, state homelessness*
 29 *programs are defined as those programs that are funded, in whole*
 30 *or in part, by the state with the express purpose of addressing or*
 31 *preventing homelessness or providing services to people*
 32 *experiencing homelessness. This definition shall be broadly*
 33 *construed for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of this*
 34 *subdivision.*

35 *SEC. 2. Section 8257 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
 36 *amended to read:*

37 8257. (a) *The Governor shall create a Homeless Coordinating*
 38 *and Financing Council.*

39 (b) *The council shall have all of the following goals:*

40 (1) *To oversee implementation of this chapter.*

- 1 (2) To identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that
2 can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.
- 3 (3) To create partnerships among state agencies and departments,
4 local government agencies, participants in the United States
5 Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Continuum of
6 Care Program, federal agencies, the United States Interagency
7 Council on Homelessness, nonprofit entities working to end
8 homelessness, homeless services providers, and the private sector,
9 for the purpose of arriving at specific strategies to end
10 homelessness.
- 11 (4) To promote systems integration to increase efficiency and
12 effectiveness while focusing on designing systems to address the
13 needs of people experiencing homelessness, including
14 unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age.
- 15 (5) To coordinate existing funding and applications for
16 competitive funding. Any action taken pursuant to this paragraph
17 shall not restructure or change any existing allocations or allocation
18 formulas.
- 19 (6) To make policy and procedural recommendations to
20 legislators and other governmental entities.
- 21 (7) To identify and seek funding opportunities for state entities
22 that have programs to end homelessness, including, but not limited
23 to, federal and philanthropic funding opportunities, and to facilitate
24 and coordinate those state entities’ efforts to obtain that funding.
- 25 (8) To broker agreements between state agencies and
26 departments and between state agencies and departments and local
27 jurisdictions to align and coordinate resources, reduce
28 administrative burdens of accessing existing resources, and foster
29 common applications for services, operating, and capital funding.
- 30 (9) To serve as a statewide facilitator, coordinator, and policy
31 development resource on ending homelessness in California.
- 32 (10) To report to the Governor, federal Cabinet members, and
33 the Legislature on homelessness and work to reduce homelessness.
- 34 (11) To ensure accountability and results in meeting the
35 strategies and goals of the council.
- 36 (12) To identify and implement strategies to fight homelessness
37 in small communities and rural areas.
- 38 (13) To create a statewide data system or ~~warehouse~~ *warehouse*,
39 *which shall be known as the Homeless Data Integration System*,
40 that collects local data through Homeless Management Information

1 Systems, with the ultimate goal of matching data on homelessness
2 to programs impacting homeless recipients of state programs, such
3 as *the Medi-Cal program* (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section
4 14000) of Part 3 of Division 9) and CalWORKs (Chapter 2
5 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3 of Division 9). *Upon*
6 *creation of the Homeless Data Integration System, all continuums*
7 *of care, as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of*
8 *Federal Regulations, that are operating in California shall provide*
9 *collected data elements, including, but not limited to, health*
10 *information, in a manner consistent with federal law, to the*
11 *Homeless Data Integration System.*

12 (A) *Coordinating Council staff shall specify the form and*
13 *substance of the required data elements.*

14 (B) *Coordinating Council staff may, as required by operational*
15 *necessity, amend or modify data elements, disclosure formats, or*
16 *disclosure frequency.*

17 (C) *Any health information or personal identifying information*
18 *provided to, or maintained within, the Homeless Data Integration*
19 *System shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under*
20 *the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with*
21 *Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).*

22 (D) *For purposes of this paragraph, “health information”*
23 *includes “protected health information,” as defined in Part*
24 *160.103 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and*
25 *“medical information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section*
26 *56.05 of the Civil Code.*

27 (14) *Setting goals to prevent and end homelessness among*
28 *California’s youth.*

29 (15) *Working to improve the safety, health, and welfare of young*
30 *people experiencing homelessness in the state.*

31 (16) *Increasing system integration and coordinating efforts to*
32 *prevent homelessness among youth who are currently or formerly*
33 *involved in the child welfare system or the juvenile justice system.*

34 (17) *Leading efforts to coordinate a spectrum of funding, policy,*
35 *and practice efforts related to young people experiencing*
36 *homelessness.*

37 (18) *Identifying best practices to ensure homeless minors who*
38 *may have experienced maltreatment, as described in Section 300,*
39 *are appropriately referred to, or have the ability to self-refer to,*
40 *the child welfare system.*

1 (19) *To collect, compile, and make available to the public*
2 *financial data provided to the council from all state-funded*
3 *homelessness programs.*

4 (c) (1) The Governor shall appoint up to 19 members of the
5 council as follows:

6 (A) The Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and
7 Housing, or the secretary's designee, who shall serve as chair of
8 the council.

9 (B) A representative from the Department of Transportation.

10 (C) A representative from the Department of Housing and
11 Community Development.

12 (D) A representative of the State Department of Social Services.

13 (E) A representative of the California Housing Finance Agency.

14 (F) A representative of the State Department of Health Care
15 Services.

16 (G) A representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

17 (H) A representative of the Department of Corrections and
18 Rehabilitation.

19 (I) A representative from the California Tax Credit Allocation
20 Committee in the Treasurer's office.

21 (J) A representative of the Victim Services Program within the
22 Division of Grants Management within the Office of Emergency
23 Services.

24 (K) A representative from the State Department of Education.

25 (L) A representative of the state public higher education system
26 who shall be from one of the following:

27 (i) The California Community Colleges.

28 (ii) The University of California.

29 (iii) The California State University.

30 (M) A formerly homeless person who lives in California.

31 (N) A formerly homeless youth who lives in California.

32 (O) Two representatives of local agencies or organizations that
33 participate in the United States Department of Housing and Urban
34 Development's Continuum of Care Program.

35 (P) State advocates or other members of the public or state
36 agencies, at the Governor's discretion.

37 (2) The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the
38 Assembly shall each appoint one member to the council from two
39 different stakeholder organizations.

1 (3) The council may, at its discretion, invite stakeholders,
2 individuals who have experienced homelessness, members of
3 philanthropic communities, and experts to participate in meetings
4 or provide information to the council.

5 (d) The council shall hold public meetings at least once every
6 quarter.

7 (e) The members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of
8 the appointing authority.

9 (f) Within existing funding, the council may establish working
10 groups, task forces, or other structures from within its membership
11 or with outside members to assist it in its work. Working groups,
12 task forces, or other structures established by the council shall
13 determine their own meeting schedules.

14 (g) The members of the council shall serve without
15 compensation, except that members of the council who are, or
16 have been, homeless may receive reimbursement for travel, per
17 diem, or other expenses.

18 (h) The Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
19 shall provide staff for the council.

20 (i) The members of the council may enter into memoranda of
21 understanding with other members of the council to achieve the
22 goals set forth in this chapter, as necessary, in order to facilitate
23 communication and cooperation between the entities the members
24 of the council represent.

25 (j) There shall be an executive director of the council under the
26 direction of the Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and
27 Housing.

28 (k) The council shall be under the direction of the executive
29 director and staffed by employees of the Business, Consumer
30 Services, and Housing Agency.

31 ~~SEC. 7.~~

32 *SEC. 3.* The Legislature finds and declares that the amendments
33 to the No Place Like Home Program (Part 3.9 (commencing with
34 Section 5849.1) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code)
35 made by this act are consistent with and further the intent of
36 Proposition 2, as approved by the voters at the November 6, 2018,
37 statewide general election within the meaning of Section 7 of
38 Proposition 2.

1 ~~SEC. 8.~~

2 ~~SEC. 4.~~ The Legislature finds and declares that Section 2 of
3 this act, which adds Section 50675.1.3 to the Health and Safety
4 Code, Section 2 of this act, which adds Section 987.011 to the
5 Military and Veterans Code, Section 3 of this act, which adds
6 Section 18897.5 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, and Sections
7 4, 5, and 6 of this act, which add Sections 5849.16, 11450.04, and
8 15772 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, all impose *amends*
9 *Section 8257 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*, imposes a
10 limitation on the public’s right of access to the meetings of public
11 bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the
12 meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.
13 Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes
14 the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this
15 limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

16 This act furthers the purposes of paragraph (7) of subdivision
17 (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution by
18 balancing the public right to access public records with this need
19 to protect the confidentiality of personal information of persons
20 receiving public assistance with respect to funds provided under
21 the programs subject to the provisions of the bill: *assistance*.

22 ~~SEC. 9.~~ No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
23 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
24 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
25 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
26 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section
27 17556 of the Government Code.

28 ~~SEC. 5.~~ *If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
29 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
30 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
31 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
32 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

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