
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 364

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY:

This bill adds the departments of Developmental Services and Veterans' Affairs to the entities with which the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) must collaborate in administering the state's permanent supportive housing initiative.

It gives the entities administering the initiative more discretion in determining eligibility by eliminating a provision under which services must be directed to:

1. people or families affected by psychiatric disabilities, chemical dependencies, or both, and who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless;
2. families who qualify for the temporary assistance for needy families program;
3. 18-to-23-year-olds who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless because they are transitioning out of foster care or other residential programs; and
4. community-supervised offenders with serious mental health needs who are under Judicial Branch or Department of Correction jurisdiction.

The bill also specifies that all homeless individuals and families, not only those listed above, are eligible for the initiative. By law, individuals and families who are at-risk of becoming homeless or who have special needs are also eligible.

The other entities that administer the initiative with DMHAS are, by law, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division, and the departments of Social Services, Correction, Children and Families, and Housing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 0 (03/06/2014)