



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 7693



Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6138 File No. 278 Cal. No. 174

**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENCE MOBILITY COUNSELING
FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Department of
4 Housing shall, within existing resources of the department, establish a
5 residence mobility counseling program to assist individuals or families
6 in relocating their residences to higher opportunity areas through
7 education and support services. The commissioner may contract with
8 one or more nonprofit corporations to provide such residence mobility
9 counseling. Individuals and families eligible for the residence mobility
10 counseling program shall currently have a certificate or voucher from
11 either: (1) The federal Housing and Urban Development Section 8
12 program, or (2) the state rental assistance program. For purposes of
13 this subsection, "opportunity areas" means those areas designated as
14 such using opportunity mapping analysis that includes census tract
15 level assessment of educational, economic and neighborhood

16 characteristics, including education data and crime rates. The
17 Department of Housing shall make such opportunity mapping
18 analysis available on the Internet web site of the Department of
19 Housing.

20 (b) Counseling provided pursuant to this section shall include, but
21 need not be limited to, (1) providing information regarding
22 communities, schools, employment opportunities and community
23 services available in various areas, (2) assisting with locating rental
24 housing that meets the individual's or family's needs, (3) facilitating a
25 relocation by negotiating with the current landlord about the transfer
26 of rental assistance certificates or vouchers, and with the new landlord
27 about security deposits, rental payments and acceptance of rental
28 assistance certificates or vouchers, and (4) acting as a liaison between
29 the individual or family and the landlord to encourage a successful
30 transition and housing stability.

31 (c) Annually, the Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report on
32 the program to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 8-
33 37qqq of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section