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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7188

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESSNESS AND THE CHESS PROGRAM."**

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an  
3 oversight committee for services for homeless persons in the state. The  
4 committee shall consist of:

5 (1) The House and Senate chairpersons and ranking members of the  
6 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
7 matters relating to housing, or their designees;

8 (2) The House and Senate chairpersons and ranking members of the  
9 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
10 matters relating to human services, or their designees;

11 (3) The House and Senate chairpersons and ranking members of the

12 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
13 matters relating to planning and development, or their designees;

14 (4) The House and Senate chairpersons and ranking members of the  
15 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
16 matters relating to public health, or their designees;

17 (5) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

18 (6) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
19 the commissioner's designee;

20 (7) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
21 designee;

22 (8) The chairperson of the interagency council on affordable housing  
23 established pursuant to section 8-37nnn of the general statutes, or the  
24 chairperson's designee; and

25 (9) Two representatives of private nonprofit organizations that focus  
26 on serving the needs of homeless persons in the state, appointed by the  
27 oversight committee's chairpersons.

28 (b) The oversight committee shall be appointed and meet not later  
29 than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The chairpersons  
30 shall be the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the  
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing, or  
32 the chairperson's designee, and the Senate chairperson of the joint  
33 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
34 matters relating to human services, or the chairperson's designee. The  
35 oversight committee shall review services for homeless persons in the  
36 state, including, but not limited to, the CHES initiative, as defined in  
37 section 1 of this act.

38 (c) The Commissioners of Housing, Mental Health and Addiction  
39 Services and Social Services shall file quarterly reports with the  
40 oversight committee on services for homeless persons in the state and

41 shall seek approval of the oversight committee for any changes to such  
42 services, including, but not limited to, the CHESS initiative. The  
43 committee shall schedule a vote on such changes not later than thirty  
44 days after receipt of notice from the commissioners of any such  
45 changes."