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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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### **AB 977 (Gabriel) - Homelessness program data reporting: Homeless Management Information System**

**Version:** July 12, 2021

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 5 - 0, HOUSING  
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**Urgency:** No

**Mandate:** Yes

**Hearing Date:** August 26, 2021

**Consultant:** Mark McKenzie

**Bill Summary:** AB 977 would require a grantee or entity operating specified state homelessness programs to enter any collected data elements on individuals and families it serves into its local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) by January 1, 2023. The bill would also require all Continuums of Care (CoCs) in California to provide collected data elements, including but not limited to health information, to the state Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) in a manner consistent with federal law.

### **\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\***

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021**

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) estimates costs of \$151,000 in the first year and \$143,000 annually ongoing for 1.0 PY of staff to collect, compile, and make available to the public the specified data elements provided to HCFC from all state-funded homelessness programs. (General Fund)
- The California Department of Social Services (DSS) estimates costs of \$452,000 in the first year and \$331,000 annually ongoing for additional staff for data collection and analysis, and an additional \$100,000 annually to contract for technical assistance support. (General Fund)
- The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) indicates that any costs to implement the bill would be minor and absorbable. (General Fund)
- Unknown costs to county entities for training and technical assistance to add data to their relevant program systems. DSS notes that the HDIS requires HUD data which counties do not collect. The bill imposes a state-mandated local program by requiring local entities to report additional information to the state. Some local costs could be reimbursable from the General Fund, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

#### **Author Amendments:**

- Clarify that grantees and entities operating state programs must enter specified data beginning on January 1, 2023, rather than on or before that date.

- Authorize an extension of up to one year from program launch to meet the bill's requirements for new state homelessness programs and new grantees of existing state programs.
- Require HCFC to provide guidance to grantees and entities operating a program, in addition to technical assistance, as specified.
- Specify that required data elements are the Universal Data Elements and the Common Data Elements, as specified in federal HUD HMIS data standards, and authorize revisions to the required data elements as federal standards change.
- Make other clarifying changes.

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