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SENATE BILL

No. 16

Introduced by Senator Blakespear

December 2, 2024

~~An act relating to homelessness. An act to amend Section 65583 of the Government Code, to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 50245) to Chapter 6.5 of Part 1 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 5963.02 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homelessness.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 16, as amended, Blakespear. ~~Homelessness.~~ *Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element: Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes.*

(1) The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development that includes, among other things, a housing element. Existing law requires the housing element to include, among other things, an assessment of housing needs and an inventory of resources and constraints that are relevant to meeting these needs.

For a local government that does not receive funding to address the population of individuals who are unhoused pursuant to certain state programs, this bill would require the assessment to include, among other things, specified data regarding the population of individuals who are unhoused and a description of key actions that will be taken to reduce individuals who are unhoused based on the data. By imposing additional duties on local governments, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law establishes the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program (HHAP) for the purpose of providing jurisdictions with grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges, as specified. Existing law provides for the allocation of funding under the program among continuums of care, cities, counties, and tribes in 6 rounds, which are administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Upon appropriation by the Legislature, this bill would establish Round 7 of the HHAP program. To be eligible for a Round 7 base program allocation, the bill would require specified jurisdictions to apply as part of a region and be signatory to a Round 7 regionally coordinated homeless action plan that has been approved by the department. The bill would require the plan to include an inventory of existing and planned city-operated shelters, the expected cost for those shelters, and a commitment by counties to contribute 50% of the expected costs, as specified.

On or before the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year, the bill would require a grantee to submit to the department an update on its regionally coordinated homeless action plan activities for department review, as specified. The bill would authorize a board of supervisors of a county to adopt a resolution determining that contributing 50% of expected costs is financially infeasible, as specified. If a county adopts the resolution, the bill would require the department to determine the contribution percentage of the county, as specified. On or before the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year, the bill would require cities to submit to the department the actual operating cost of city-operated shelters and require counties to reimburse cities for any excess contributions. The bill would authorize the department to withhold 50% of funds from a grantee until the department has approved the update.

(3) Existing law, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 63 at the November 2, 2004, statewide general election, funds a system of county mental health plans for the provision of mental health services, as specified. Existing law authorizes the MHSA to be amended by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Legislature if the amendments are consistent with and further the intent of the MHSA. Existing law authorizes the Legislature to add provisions to clarify procedures and terms of the MHSA by majority vote. Existing law, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), a legislative act amending the MHSA that was approved by the voters as Proposition 1

at the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election, recast the MHSA. The BHSA requires each county to prepare and submit an integrated plan, including sections for specified programs and services, such as services provided through federal grants or other county mental health and substance use disorder programs, and annual updates to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the State Department of Health Care Services.

This bill would additionally require the integrated plan to include a section regarding programs and services relating to Round 7 of the HHAP program, as prescribed.

(4) The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

(5) 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.

~~Existing law establishes the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program for the purpose of providing jurisdictions, as defined, with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges, as specified.~~

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address homelessness.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (1) California has the largest number of residents who are
4 unhoused, with over 123,000 people who are unhoused on a given
5 night, which is almost 30 percent of the nation's number, according
6 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development's Annual Homelessness Assessment Report.

1 (2) *The state's crisis of individuals who are unhoused is the*
2 *product of the state's affordable housing shortage.*

3 (3) *Innovative, cost-effective models for interim housing, which*
4 *provide noncongregate spaces for people to live and sleep in safety,*
5 *have been implemented in jurisdictions across the state.*

6 (4) *These interim housing models are a scalable, timely solution*
7 *to the population of individuals who are unhoused while the state*
8 *builds sufficient permanent affordable housing to address the*
9 *state's affordable housing shortage.*

10 (5) *California's counties manage and operate regional social*
11 *service systems that deliver vital safety net programs and benefits*
12 *to Californians in need.*

13 (b) *Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that this act*
14 *promotes collaboration between cities and counties on the*
15 *operation of facilities serving individuals who are unhoused and*
16 *further integrates those facilities into regional social service*
17 *systems.*

18 SEC. 2. *Section 65583 of the Government Code is amended to*
19 *read:*

20 65583. The housing element shall consist of an identification
21 and analysis of existing and projected housing needs and a
22 statement of goals, policies, quantified objectives, financial
23 resources, and scheduled programs for the preservation,
24 improvement, and development of housing. The housing element
25 shall identify adequate sites for housing, including rental housing,
26 factory-built housing, mobilehomes, and emergency shelters, and
27 shall make adequate provision for the existing and projected needs
28 of all economic segments of the community. The housing element
29 shall contain all of the following:

30 (a) An assessment of housing needs and an inventory of
31 resources and constraints that are relevant to the meeting of these
32 needs. The assessment and inventory shall include all of the
33 following:

34 (1) An analysis of population and employment trends and
35 documentation of projections and a quantification of the locality's
36 existing and projected housing needs for all income levels. These
37 existing and projected needs shall include the locality's share of
38 the regional housing need in accordance with Section 65584.

39 (2) An analysis and documentation of household characteristics,
40 including level of payment compared to ability to pay, housing

1 characteristics, including overcrowding, and housing stock
2 condition.

3 (3) An inventory of land suitable and available for residential
4 development, including vacant sites and sites having realistic and
5 demonstrated potential for redevelopment during the planning
6 period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income
7 level, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public
8 facilities and services to these sites, and an analysis of the
9 relationship of the sites identified in the land inventory to the
10 jurisdiction's duty to affirmatively further fair housing.

11 (4) (A) The identification of one or more zoning designations
12 that allow residential uses, including mixed uses, where emergency
13 shelters are allowed as a permitted use without a conditional use
14 or other discretionary permit and that are suitable for residential
15 uses. The identified zoning designations shall include sufficient
16 sites meeting the requirements of subparagraph (H) with sufficient
17 capacity, as described in subparagraph (I), to accommodate the
18 need for emergency shelter identified in paragraph (7), except that
19 each local government shall identify a zoning designation or
20 designations that can accommodate at least one year-round
21 emergency shelter. If the local government cannot identify a zoning
22 designation or designations with sufficient capacity, the local
23 government shall include a program to amend its zoning ordinance
24 to meet the requirements of this paragraph within one year of the
25 adoption of the housing element. The local government may
26 identify additional zoning designations where emergency shelters
27 are permitted with a conditional use permit. The local government
28 shall also demonstrate that existing or proposed permit processing,
29 development, and management standards that apply to emergency
30 shelters are objective and encourage and facilitate the development
31 of, or conversion to, emergency shelters.

32 (B) Emergency shelters shall only be subject to the following
33 written, objective standards:

34 (i) The maximum number of beds or persons permitted to be
35 served nightly by the facility.

36 (ii) Sufficient parking to accommodate all staff working in the
37 emergency shelter, provided that the standards do not require more
38 parking for emergency shelters than other residential or commercial
39 uses within the same zone.

1 (iii) The size and location of exterior and interior onsite waiting
2 and client intake areas.

3 (iv) The provision of onsite management.

4 (v) The proximity to other emergency shelters, provided that
5 emergency shelters are not required to be more than 300 feet apart.

6 (vi) The length of stay.

7 (vii) Lighting.

8 (viii) Security during hours that the emergency shelter is in
9 operation.

10 (C) For purposes of this paragraph, “emergency shelter” shall
11 include other interim interventions, including, but not limited to,
12 a navigation center, bridge housing, and respite or recuperative
13 care.

14 (D) The permit processing, development, and management
15 standards applied under this paragraph shall not be deemed to be
16 discretionary acts within the meaning of the California
17 Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section
18 21000) of the Public Resources Code).

19 (E) If a local government has adopted written, objective
20 standards pursuant to subparagraph (B), the local government shall
21 include an analysis of the standards in the analysis of constraints
22 pursuant to paragraph (5).

23 (F) A local government that can demonstrate, to the satisfaction
24 of the department, the existence of one or more emergency shelters
25 either within its jurisdiction or pursuant to a multijurisdictional
26 agreement that can accommodate that jurisdiction’s need and the
27 needs of the other jurisdictions that are a part of the agreement for
28 emergency shelter identified in paragraph (7) may comply with
29 the zoning requirements of subparagraph (A) by identifying a
30 zoning designation where new emergency shelters are allowed
31 with a conditional use permit.

32 (G) A local government with an existing ordinance or ordinances
33 that comply with this paragraph shall not be required to take
34 additional action to identify zoning designations for emergency
35 shelters. The housing element must only describe how existing
36 ordinances, policies, and standards are consistent with the
37 requirements of this paragraph.

38 (H) The zoning designation or designations where emergency
39 shelters are allowed, as described in subparagraph (A), shall include
40 sites that meet at least one of the following standards:

1 (i) Vacant sites zoned for residential use.

2 (ii) Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allow
3 residential development, if the local government can demonstrate
4 how the sites with this zoning designation that are being used to
5 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) are located near amenities
6 and services that serve people experiencing homelessness, which
7 may include health care, transportation, retail, employment, and
8 social services, or that the local government will provide free
9 transportation to services or offer services onsite.

10 (iii) Nonvacant sites zoned for residential use or for
11 nonresidential use that allow residential development that are
12 suitable for use as a shelter in the current planning period, or which
13 can be redeveloped for use as a shelter in the current planning
14 period. A nonvacant site with an existing use shall be presumed
15 to impede emergency shelter development absent an analysis based
16 on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be discontinued
17 during the planning period. The analysis shall consider current
18 market demand for the current uses, market conditions, and
19 incentives or standards to encourage shelter development.

20 (I) The zoning designation or designations shall have sufficient
21 sites meeting the requirements of subparagraph (H) to
22 accommodate the need for shelters identified pursuant to paragraph
23 (7). The number of people experiencing homelessness that can be
24 accommodated on any site shall be demonstrated by dividing the
25 square footage of the site by a minimum of 200 square feet per
26 person, unless the locality can demonstrate that one or more
27 shelters were developed on sites that have fewer square feet per
28 person during the prior planning period or the locality provides
29 similar evidence to the department demonstrating that the site can
30 accommodate more people experiencing homelessness. Any
31 standard applied pursuant to this subparagraph is intended only
32 for calculating site capacity pursuant to this section, and shall not
33 be construed as establishing a development standard applicable to
34 the siting, development, or approval of a shelter.

35 (J) Notwithstanding subparagraph (H), a local government may
36 accommodate the need for emergency shelters identified pursuant
37 to paragraph (7) on sites owned by the local government if it
38 demonstrates with substantial evidence that the sites will be made
39 available for emergency shelter during the planning period, they
40 are suitable for residential use, and the sites are located near

1 amenities and services that serve people experiencing
2 homelessness, which may include health care, transportation, retail,
3 employment, and social services, or that the local government will
4 provide free transportation to services or offer services onsite.

5 (5) An analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints
6 upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing
7 for all income levels, including the types of housing identified in
8 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), and for persons with disabilities
9 as identified in the analysis pursuant to paragraph (7), including
10 land use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site
11 improvements, fees, and other exactions required of developers,
12 local processing and permit procedures, historic preservation
13 practices and policies and an assessment of how existing and
14 proposed historic designations affect the locality's ability to meet
15 its share of the housing need pursuant to paragraph (1), and any
16 locally adopted ordinances that directly impact the cost and supply
17 of residential development. The analysis shall also demonstrate
18 local efforts to remove governmental constraints that hinder the
19 locality from meeting its share of the regional housing need in
20 accordance with Section 65584 and from meeting the need for
21 housing for persons with disabilities, supportive housing,
22 transitional housing, and emergency shelters identified pursuant
23 to paragraph (7).

24 (6) An analysis of potential and actual nongovernmental
25 constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development
26 of housing for all income levels, including the availability of
27 financing, the price of land, the cost of construction, the requests
28 to develop housing at densities below those anticipated in the
29 analysis required by subdivision (c) of Section 65583.2, and the
30 length of time between receiving approval for a housing
31 development and submittal of an application for building permits
32 for that housing development that hinder the construction of a
33 locality's share of the regional housing need in accordance with
34 Section 65584. The analysis shall also demonstrate local efforts
35 to remove nongovernmental constraints that create a gap between
36 the locality's planning for the development of housing for all
37 income levels and the construction of that housing.

38 (7) (A) An analysis of any special housing needs, such as those
39 of the elderly; persons with disabilities, including a developmental
40 disability, as defined in Section 4512 of the Welfare and

1 Institutions Code; extremely low income households; large
2 families; farmworkers; families with female heads of households;
3 and families and persons in need of emergency shelter. The need
4 for emergency shelter shall be assessed based on the capacity
5 necessary to accommodate the most recent homeless point-in-time
6 count conducted before the start of the planning period, the need
7 for emergency shelter based on number of beds available on a
8 year-round and seasonal basis, the number of shelter beds that go
9 unused on an average monthly basis within a one-year period, and
10 the percentage of those in emergency shelters that move to
11 permanent housing solutions. The need for emergency shelter may
12 be reduced by the number of supportive housing units that are
13 identified in an adopted 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness
14 and that are either vacant or for which funding has been identified
15 to allow construction during the planning period. An analysis of
16 special housing needs by a city or county may include an analysis
17 of the need for frequent user coordinated care housing services.

18 (B) For the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing
19 element, the analysis required in subparagraph (A) shall also
20 include an analysis of the housing needs of acutely and extremely
21 low income households.

22 (8) An analysis of opportunities for energy conservation with
23 respect to residential development. Cities and counties are
24 encouraged to include weatherization and energy efficiency
25 improvements as part of publicly subsidized housing rehabilitation
26 projects. This may include energy efficiency measures that
27 encompass the building envelope, its heating and cooling systems,
28 and its electrical system.

29 (9) An analysis of existing assisted housing developments that
30 are eligible to change from low-income housing uses during the
31 next 10 years due to termination of subsidy contracts, mortgage
32 prepayment, or expiration of restrictions on use. "Assisted housing
33 developments," for the purpose of this section, shall mean
34 multifamily rental housing that receives governmental assistance
35 under federal programs listed in subdivision (a) of Section
36 65863.10, state and local multifamily revenue bond programs,
37 local redevelopment programs, the federal Community
38 Development Block Grant Program, or local in-lieu fees. "Assisted
39 housing developments" shall also include multifamily rental units
40 that were developed pursuant to a local inclusionary housing

1 program or used to qualify for a density bonus pursuant to Section
2 65916.

3 (A) The analysis shall include a listing of each development by
4 project name and address, the type of governmental assistance
5 received, the earliest possible date of change from low-income
6 use, and the total number of elderly and nonelderly units that could
7 be lost from the locality's low-income housing stock in each year
8 during the 10-year period. For purposes of state and federally
9 funded projects, the analysis required by this subparagraph need
10 only contain information available on a statewide basis.

11 (B) The analysis shall estimate the total cost of producing new
12 rental housing that is comparable in size and rent levels, to replace
13 the units that could change from low-income use, and an estimated
14 cost of preserving the assisted housing developments. This cost
15 analysis for replacement housing may be done aggregately for
16 each five-year period and does not have to contain a
17 project-by-project cost estimate.

18 (C) The analysis shall identify public and private nonprofit
19 corporations known to the local government that have legal and
20 managerial capacity to acquire and manage these housing
21 developments.

22 (D) The analysis shall identify and consider the use of all federal,
23 state, and local financing and subsidy programs that can be used
24 to preserve, for lower income households, the assisted housing
25 developments, identified in this paragraph, including, but not
26 limited to, federal Community Development Block Grant Program
27 funds, tax increment funds received by a redevelopment agency
28 of the community, and administrative fees received by a housing
29 authority operating within the community. In considering the use
30 of these financing and subsidy programs, the analysis shall identify
31 the amounts of funds under each available program that have not
32 been legally obligated for other purposes and that could be
33 available for use in preserving assisted housing developments.

34 *(10) For a local government that does not receive funding*
35 *pursuant to the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention*
36 *program (Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 50216)) or the*
37 *Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Housing, Assistance, and*
38 *Prevention Program (Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section*
39 *50230) of Part 1 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code),*
40 *all of the following:*

1 (A) An itemized list of the specific federal, state, and local
2 resources available to assist individuals who are unhoused,
3 including interim and permanent housing, and mental and
4 behavioral health services.

5 (B) A description of the actions taken by the local government
6 to connect individuals who are unhoused to the resources described
7 in subparagraph (A).

8 (C) (i) Most up-to-date data on the population of individuals
9 who are unhoused, which shall include all of the following:

10 (I) The number of individuals who are unhoused.

11 (II) The average length of time individuals are unhoused.

12 (III) The number and percentage of individuals who are
13 unhoused that moved into permanent housing.

14 (IV) The number of people who become unhoused after moving
15 into permanent housing.

16 (V) The number of people who became unhoused for the first
17 time.

18 (VI) The number of people who become unhoused after exiting
19 institutional settings, including, but not limited to, jails, prisons,
20 and hospitals.

21 (ii) The data specified in clause (i) shall be disaggregated by
22 age, racial, and ethnic demographics.

23 (D) A description of key actions that will be taken to reduce
24 individuals who are unhoused based on the data points described
25 in subparagraph (C).

26 (E) Actions taken to coordinate with cities in the region, counties
27 or council of governments, and identification and analysis of the
28 specific roles and responsibilities regarding outreach and site
29 coordination, siting and use of available land, the development of
30 shelter, interim, and permanent housing options, and the
31 coordination and connection to the delivery of services to
32 individuals who are unhoused, or at risk of becoming unhoused,
33 including specifying roles and coordination plans in relation to
34 the Mental Health Services Act or Behavioral Health Services Act,
35 within the region.

36 (F) Identify programs that prevent individuals from becoming
37 unhoused and other actions taken to prevent vulnerable populations
38 from becoming unhoused, such as current and former foster youth,
39 veterans, persons exiting the judicial system, and persons with
40 special housing needs.

1 (b) (1) A statement of the community's goals, quantified
2 objectives, and policies relative to affirmatively furthering fair
3 housing and to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and
4 development of housing.

5 (2) It is recognized that the total housing needs identified
6 pursuant to subdivision (a) may exceed available resources and
7 the community's ability to satisfy this need within the content of
8 the general plan requirements outlined in Article 5 (commencing
9 with Section 65300). Under these circumstances, the quantified
10 objectives need not be identical to the total housing needs. The
11 quantified objectives shall establish the maximum number of
12 housing units by income category that can be constructed,
13 rehabilitated, and conserved over a five-year time period.

14 (c) A program that sets forth a schedule of actions during the
15 planning period, each with a timeline for implementation, that may
16 recognize that certain programs are ongoing, such that there will
17 be beneficial impacts of the programs within the planning period,
18 that the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake
19 to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives of
20 the housing element through the administration of land use and
21 development controls, the provision of regulatory concessions and
22 incentives, the utilization of appropriate federal and state financing
23 and subsidy programs when available, and the utilization of moneys
24 in a low- and moderate-income housing fund of an agency if the
25 locality has established a redevelopment project area pursuant to
26 the Community Redevelopment Law (Division 24 (commencing
27 with Section 33000) of the Health and Safety Code). In order to
28 make adequate provision for the housing needs of all economic
29 segments of the community, the program shall do all of the
30 following:

31 (1) Identify actions that will be taken to make sites available
32 during the planning period with appropriate zoning and
33 development standards and with services and facilities to
34 accommodate that portion of the city's or county's share of the
35 regional housing need for all income levels that could not be
36 accommodated on sites identified in the inventory completed
37 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) without rezoning, and
38 to comply with the requirements of Section 65584.09. Sites shall
39 be identified as needed to affirmatively further fair housing and
40 to facilitate and encourage the development of a variety of types

1 of housing for all income levels, including multifamily rental
2 housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for
3 agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy
4 units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing.

5 (A) Where the inventory of sites, pursuant to paragraph (3) of
6 subdivision (a), does not identify adequate sites to accommodate
7 the need for groups of all household income levels pursuant to
8 Section 65584, a program for rezoning of those sites, subject to
9 the following deadlines:

10 (i) For the adoption of the sixth revision of the housing element,
11 jurisdictions with an eight-year housing element planning period
12 pursuant to Section 65588, including adoption of minimum density
13 and development standards or, for a jurisdiction in the coastal zone,
14 any necessary local coastal program amendments related to land
15 use designations, changes in intensity of land use, zoning
16 ordinances, or zoning district maps, consistent with Sections 30512,
17 30512.2, 30513, and 30514 of the Public Resources Code, shall
18 be completed no later than three years after either the date the
19 housing element is adopted pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section
20 65585 or the date that is 90 days after receipt of comments from
21 the department pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 65585,
22 whichever is earlier, unless the deadline is extended pursuant to
23 subdivision (f). Notwithstanding the foregoing, for a local
24 government that fails to adopt a housing element that the
25 department has found to be in substantial compliance with this
26 article within 120 days of the statutory deadline in Section 65588
27 for adoption of the housing element, rezoning of those sites,
28 including adoption of minimum density and development standards
29 or, for a jurisdiction in the coastal zone, any necessary local coastal
30 program amendments related to land use designations, changes in
31 intensity of land use, zoning ordinances, or zoning district maps,
32 consistent with Sections 30512, 30512.2, 30513, and 30514 of the
33 Public Resources Code, shall be completed no later than one year
34 from the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the
35 housing element.

36 (ii) For adoption of the seventh and all subsequent revisions of
37 the housing element, rezonings shall be completed no later than
38 one year from the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption
39 of the housing element.

(iii) Notwithstanding clause (ii), for the adoption of the seventh and all subsequent revisions of the housing element, rezonings shall be completed no later than three years and 90 days after the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element, unless the deadline is extended pursuant to subdivision (f). This clause shall apply only if the local government complies with all of the following:

(I) The local government submits a draft element or draft amendment to the department for review pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 65585 at least 90 days before the statutory deadline established in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element.

(II) The local government receives from the department findings that the draft element or draft amendment substantially complies with this article pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 65585 on or before the statutory deadline set forth in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element.

(III) The local government adopts the draft element or draft amendment that the department found to substantially comply with this article no later than 120 days after the statutory deadline set forth in Section 65588.

(B) Where the inventory of sites, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), does not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for groups of all household income levels pursuant to Section 65584, the program shall identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 65583.2. The identification of sites shall include all components specified in Section 65583.2.

(C) Where the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) does not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for farmworker housing, the program shall provide for sufficient sites to meet the need with zoning that permits farmworker housing use by right, including density and development standards that could accommodate and facilitate the feasibility of the development of farmworker housing for low- and very low income households.

(2) (A) Assist in the development of adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low, very low, low-, and moderate-income households.

1 (B) For the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing
2 element, the program shall also assist in the development of
3 adequate housing to meet the needs of acutely low income
4 households.

5 (3) Address and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove
6 governmental and nongovernmental constraints to the maintenance,
7 improvement, and development of housing, including housing for
8 all income levels and housing for persons with disabilities. The
9 program shall remove constraints to, and provide reasonable
10 accommodations for housing designed for, intended for occupancy
11 by, or with supportive services for, persons with disabilities.
12 Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered
13 a residential use of property and shall be subject only to those
14 restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same
15 type in the same zone. Supportive housing, as defined in Section
16 65650, shall be a use by right in all zones where multifamily and
17 mixed uses are permitted, as provided in Article 11 (commencing
18 with Section 65650).

19 (4) Conserve and improve the condition of the existing
20 affordable housing stock, which may include addressing ways to
21 mitigate the loss of dwelling units demolished by public or private
22 action.

23 (5) Promote and affirmatively further fair housing opportunities
24 and promote housing throughout the community or communities
25 for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status,
26 ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability, and
27 other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment
28 and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of
29 Division 3 of Title 2), Section 65008, and any other state and
30 federal fair housing and planning law.

31 (6) Preserve for lower income households the assisted housing
32 developments identified pursuant to paragraph (9) of subdivision
33 (a). The program for preservation of the assisted housing
34 developments shall utilize, to the extent necessary, all available
35 federal, state, and local financing and subsidy programs identified
36 in paragraph (9) of subdivision (a), except where a community has
37 other urgent needs for which alternative funding sources are not
38 available. The program may include strategies that involve local
39 regulation and technical assistance.

(7) Develop a plan that incentivizes and promotes the creation of accessory dwelling units that can be offered at affordable rent, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code, for very low, low-, or moderate-income households. For purposes of this paragraph, “accessory dwelling units” has the same meaning as “accessory dwelling unit” as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 66313.

(8) Include an identification of the agencies and officials responsible for the implementation of the various actions and the means by which consistency will be achieved with other general plan elements and community goals.

(9) Include a diligent effort by the local government to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and the program shall describe this effort.

(10) (A) Affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 8899.50) of Division 1 of Title 2. The program shall include an assessment of fair housing in the jurisdiction that shall include all of the following components:

(i) A summary of fair housing issues in the jurisdiction and an assessment of the jurisdiction’s fair housing enforcement and fair housing outreach capacity.

(ii) An analysis of available federal, state, and local data and knowledge to identify integration and segregation patterns and trends, racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty and affluence, disparities in access to opportunity, and disproportionate housing needs, including displacement risk. The analysis shall identify and examine such patterns, trends, areas, disparities, and needs, both within the jurisdiction and comparing the jurisdiction to the region in which it is located, based on race and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2) and Section 65008.

(iii) An assessment of the contributing factors, including the local and regional historical origins and current policies and practices, for the fair housing issues identified under clauses (i) and (ii).

(iv) An identification of the jurisdiction’s fair housing priorities and goals, giving highest priority to those factors identified in

1 clause (iii) that limit or deny fair housing choice or access to
2 opportunity, or negatively impact fair housing or civil rights
3 compliance, and identifying the metrics and milestones for
4 determining what fair housing results will be achieved.

5 (v) Strategies and actions to implement those priorities and
6 goals, which may include, but are not limited to, enhancing
7 mobility strategies and encouraging development of new affordable
8 housing in areas of opportunity, as well as place-based strategies
9 to encourage community revitalization, including preservation of
10 existing affordable housing, and protecting existing residents from
11 displacement.

12 (B) A jurisdiction that completes or revises an assessment of
13 fair housing pursuant to Subpart A (commencing with Section
14 5.150) of Part 5 of Subtitle A of Title 24 of the Code of Federal
15 Regulations, as published in Volume 80 of the Federal Register,
16 Number 136, page 42272, dated July 16, 2015, or an analysis of
17 impediments to fair housing choice in accordance with the
18 requirements of Section 91.225 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal
19 Regulations in effect before August 17, 2015, may incorporate
20 relevant portions of that assessment or revised assessment of fair
21 housing or analysis or revised analysis of impediments to fair
22 housing into its housing element.

23 (C) (i) The requirements of this paragraph shall apply to housing
24 elements due to be revised pursuant to Section 65588 on or after
25 January 1, 2021.

26 (ii) The assessment required pursuant to this paragraph shall be
27 completed before the planning agency makes its first draft revision
28 of a housing element available for public comment pursuant to
29 subdivision (b) of Section 65585.

30 (D) (i) The department shall develop a standardized reporting
31 format for programs and actions taken pursuant to this paragraph.
32 The standardized reporting format shall enable the reporting of all
33 of the assessment components listed in subparagraph (A) and, at
34 a minimum, include all of the following fields:

35 (I) Timelines for implementation.

36 (II) Responsible party or parties.

37 (III) Resources committed from the local budget to affirmatively
38 further fair housing.

39 (IV) Action areas.

40 (V) Potential impacts of the program.

1 (ii) A local government shall utilize the standardized report
2 format developed pursuant to this subparagraph for the seventh
3 and each subsequent revision of the housing element.

4 (d) (1) A local government may satisfy all or part of its
5 requirement to identify a zone or zones suitable for the
6 development of emergency shelters pursuant to paragraph (4) of
7 subdivision (a) by adopting and implementing a multijurisdictional
8 agreement, with a maximum of two other adjacent communities,
9 that requires the participating jurisdictions to develop at least one
10 year-round emergency shelter within two years of the beginning
11 of the planning period.

12 (2) The agreement shall allocate a portion of the new shelter
13 capacity to each jurisdiction as credit toward its emergency shelter
14 need, and each jurisdiction shall describe how the capacity was
15 allocated as part of its housing element.

16 (3) Each member jurisdiction of a multijurisdictional agreement
17 shall describe in its housing element all of the following:

18 (A) How the joint facility will meet the jurisdiction's emergency
19 shelter need.

20 (B) The jurisdiction's contribution to the facility for both the
21 development and ongoing operation and management of the
22 facility.

23 (C) The amount and source of the funding that the jurisdiction
24 contributes to the facility.

25 (4) The aggregate capacity claimed by the participating
26 jurisdictions in their housing elements shall not exceed the actual
27 capacity of the shelter.

28 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this article, amendments to
29 this article that alter the required content of a housing element
30 shall apply to both of the following:

31 (1) A housing element or housing element amendment prepared
32 pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 65588 or Section 65584.02,
33 when a city, county, or city and county submits a draft to the
34 department for review pursuant to Section 65585 more than 90
35 days after the effective date of the amendment to this section.

36 (2) Any housing element or housing element amendment
37 prepared pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 65588 or Section
38 65584.02, when the city, county, or city and county fails to submit
39 the first draft to the department before the due date specified in
40 Section 65588 or 65584.02.

(f) The deadline for completing required rezoning pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall be extended by one year if the local government has completed the rezoning at densities sufficient to accommodate at least 75 percent of the units for lower income households and if the legislative body at the conclusion of a public hearing determines, based upon substantial evidence, that any of the following circumstances exists:

(1) The local government has been unable to complete the rezoning because of the action or inaction beyond the control of the local government of any other state, federal, or local agency.

(2) The local government is unable to complete the rezoning because of infrastructure deficiencies due to fiscal or regulatory constraints.

(3) The local government must undertake a major revision to its general plan in order to accommodate the housing-related policies of a sustainable communities strategy or an alternative planning strategy adopted pursuant to Section 65080.

The resolution and the findings shall be transmitted to the department together with a detailed budget and schedule for preparation and adoption of the required rezonings, including plans for citizen participation and expected interim action. The schedule shall provide for adoption of the required rezoning within one year of the adoption of the resolution.

(g) (1) If a local government fails to complete the rezoning by the deadline provided in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), as it may be extended pursuant to subdivision (f), except as provided in paragraph (2), a local government may not disapprove a housing development project, nor require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other locally imposed discretionary permit, or impose a condition that would render the project infeasible, if the housing development project, (A) is proposed to be located on a site required to be rezoned pursuant to the program action required by that subparagraph and, (B) complies with applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards and criteria, including design review standards, described in the program action required by that subparagraph. Any subdivision of sites shall be subject to the Subdivision Map Act (Division 2 (commencing with Section 66410)). Design review shall not constitute a “project” for purposes

1 of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public
2 Resources Code.

3 (2) A local government may disapprove a housing development
4 described in paragraph (1) if it makes written findings supported
5 by substantial evidence on the record that both of the following
6 conditions exist:

7 (A) The housing development project would have a specific,
8 adverse impact upon the public health or safety unless the project
9 is disapproved or approved upon the condition that the project be
10 developed at a lower density. As used in this paragraph, a “specific,
11 adverse impact” means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and
12 unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public
13 health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed
14 on the date the application was deemed complete.

15 (B) There is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or
16 avoid the adverse impact identified pursuant to paragraph (1), other
17 than the disapproval of the housing development project or the
18 approval of the project upon the condition that it be developed at
19 a lower density.

20 (3) The applicant or any interested person may bring an action
21 to enforce this subdivision. If a court finds that the local agency
22 disapproved a project or conditioned its approval in violation of
23 this subdivision, the court shall issue an order or judgment
24 compelling compliance within 60 days. The court shall retain
25 jurisdiction to ensure that its order or judgment is carried out. If
26 the court determines that its order or judgment has not been carried
27 out within 60 days, the court may issue further orders to ensure
28 that the purposes and policies of this subdivision are fulfilled. In
29 any such action, the city, county, or city and county shall bear the
30 burden of proof.

31 (4) For purposes of this subdivision, “housing development
32 project” means a project to construct residential units for which
33 the project developer provides sufficient legal commitments to the
34 appropriate local agency to ensure the continued availability and
35 use of at least 49 percent of the housing units for very low, low-,
36 and moderate-income households with an affordable housing cost
37 or affordable rent, as defined in Section 50052.5 or 50053 of the
38 Health and Safety Code, respectively, for the period required by
39 the applicable financing.

(h) An action to enforce the program actions of the housing element shall be brought pursuant to Section 1085 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(i) Notwithstanding any other law, the otherwise applicable timeframe set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) and subdivision (d) of Section 21080.3.1 of the Public Resources Code, and paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 21082.3 of the Public Resources Code, for a Native American tribe to respond to a lead agency and request consultation in writing is extended by 30 days for any housing development project application determined or deemed to be complete on or after March 4, 2020, and prior to December 31, 2021.

(j) On or after January 1, 2024, at the discretion of the department, the analysis of government constraints pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) may include an analysis of constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for persons with a characteristic identified in subdivision (b) of Section 51 of the Civil Code. The implementation of this subdivision is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute for this purpose.

SEC. 3. Article 3 (commencing with Section 50245) is added to Chapter 6.5 of Part 1 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 3. Round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

50245. For the purposes of this article:

(a) “City” means a city or city and county that is legally incorporated to provide local government services to its population. A city can be organized either under the general laws of this state or under a charter adopted by the local voters.

(b) “City-operated shelter” means low barrier navigation centers, interim housing, safe parking sites, and safe camping sites that are owned or leased by a city and are operated by a city or by a nonprofit provider contracted by a city.

(c) “Low barrier navigation center” means a low barrier navigation center, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 65660 of the Government Code.

1 50246. (a) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, Round 7
2 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program is
3 hereby established.

4 (b) The department shall administer all aspects of the program
5 in accordance with this article.

6 50247. (a) To be eligible for a Round 7 base program
7 allocation, a jurisdiction that is not a tribe shall apply as part of
8 a region and shall be signatory to a Round 7 regionally
9 coordinated homelessness action plan that has been approved by
10 the department.

11 (b) The department shall approve a Round 7 regionally
12 coordinated homelessness action plan when the department
13 determines that the plan meets all of the requirements of this
14 section.

15 (c) The Round 7 regionally coordinated homelessness action
16 plan shall include all of the following components:

17 (1) For each city, an inventory of existing and planned
18 city-operated shelters. The inventory must include the location,
19 size, and capacity of each shelter.

20 (2) The expected costs for city-operated shelters listed in
21 paragraph (1).

22 (A) Counties shall coordinate with cities to determine the
23 expected costs.

24 (B) Cities shall provide counties with estimates of the annual
25 total cost to operate the shelters.

26 (C) Beginning on January 1, 2026, the expected costs shall not
27 exceed 125 percent of the most recent three-year average of the
28 annual cost to operate the city's shelters.

29 (3) (A) A commitment by counties to contribute 50 percent of
30 the expected costs described in paragraph (2). The contribution
31 may include the value of resources provided to city shelters,
32 including any of the following:

33 (i) Social services provided to clients of city shelters.

34 (ii) Assistance with services, infrastructure, and capacity
35 building under the Providing Access and Transforming Health
36 (PATH) program pursuant to Section 14184.700 of the Welfare
37 and Institutions Code. The value of the resource provided pursuant
38 to this clause shall be incentive payments, grants, or other financial
39 support made to cities pursuant to Section 14184.700 of the
40 Welfare and Institutions Code as a result of the assistance.

1 (iii) *Staff and contractors provided to city-operated shelters.*
2 *The value of the resource provided pursuant to this clause shall*
3 *be the cost of providing staff and contractors.*

4 (B) *The Legislature finds and declares that the purpose of this*
5 *paragraph is to:*

6 (i) *Ensure counties provide funding to offset one-half of cities’*
7 *costs to operate their facilities serving individuals who are*
8 *unhoused.*

9 (ii) *Permit the value of services counties provide to support the*
10 *operation of city shelters to be applied toward the mandatory*
11 *funding counties provide. These services may include staffing,*
12 *assistance with billing Medi-Cal managed care organizations, and*
13 *benefits programs, including CalWORKS and CalFresh, provided*
14 *to clients of cities’ homeless-serving facilities.*

15 (d) *The regionally coordinated homelessness action plan shall*
16 *be reflected in a memorandum of understanding committing each*
17 *signatory to participation in, and to comply with, the regionally*
18 *coordinated homelessness action plan.*

19 50248. (a) (1) *On or before the end of the 2025–26 fiscal*
20 *year, a grantee shall submit to the department an update on their*
21 *Round 7 regionally coordinated homelessness action plan*
22 *activities, which shall include the contribution made pursuant*
23 *paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 50247.*

24 (2) *The department shall, within 30 days, review the update and*
25 *report its findings to the participating grantee pursuant to this*
26 *subdivision.*

27 (3) *If the department finds that the grantee has adhered to the*
28 *requirements of this article, or concludes that the grantee has*
29 *addressed any shortcomings in the update, the department shall*
30 *approve the update.*

31 (4) (A) *If the department finds that a grantee failed to adhere*
32 *to the requirements of this article, the department may require the*
33 *participating jurisdictions in the region to make specific changes*
34 *needed to meet the requirements of this article and may require*
35 *the participating jurisdictions to provide a corrective action plan*
36 *to the update to the regionally coordinated action plan to address*
37 *these findings. Participating jurisdictions shall accomplish these*
38 *changes or submit a corrective action plan, as applicable, within*
39 *30 days of being notified by the department.*

1 (B) The department shall have 30 days to review the changes
2 or corrective action plan, as applicable, to determine if they
3 addressed the department's concerns and approve the update, or
4 to provide the grantee with additional guidance and a deadline
5 for making changes or further amending the corrective action plan
6 to address the department's concerns.

7 (b) (1) A board of supervisors of a county may adopt a
8 resolution determining that complying with paragraph (3) of
9 subdivision (c) of Section 50247 is financially infeasible and the
10 county has made attempts to obtain maximum funding available
11 to the county.

12 (2) If a board of supervisors adopt a resolution pursuant to
13 paragraph (1), the department shall conduct a review of a county's
14 financial documents to determine the contribution percentage that
15 is financially feasible.

16 (3) A county shall contribute the contribution percentage
17 determined by the department pursuant to paragraph (2).

18 (c) (1) On or before the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year, cities
19 shall submit to the department the actual operating cost of
20 city-operated shelters.

21 (2) If the counties' contribution exceed the contribution required
22 by paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 50247, cities shall
23 reimburse the counties the excess contribution.

24 (d) The department may withhold 50 percent of the funds from
25 a grantee until the department has approved the update to the
26 grantee's Round 7 regionally coordinated homelessness action
27 plan.

28 SEC. 4. Section 5963.02 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
29 is amended to read:

30 5963.02. (a) (1) Each county shall prepare and submit an
31 integrated plan and annual updates to the Behavioral Health
32 Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the
33 department.

34 (2) All references to the three-year program and expenditure
35 plan mean the integrated plan.

36 (3) Each county's board of supervisors shall approve the
37 integrated plan and annual updates by June 30 prior to the fiscal
38 year or years the integrated plan or update would cover.

1 (4) A county shall not use the integrated plan to demonstrate
2 compliance with federal law, state law, or requirements imposed
3 by the department related to programs listed in subdivision (c).

4 (b) (1) Each section of the integrated plan and annual update
5 listed in subdivision (c) shall be based on available funding or
6 obligations under Section 30025 of the Government Code and
7 corresponding contracts for the applicable fiscal years and in
8 accordance with established stakeholder engagement and planning
9 requirements as required in Section 5963.03.

10 (2) A county shall consider relevant data sources, including
11 local data, to guide addressing local needs, including the prevalence
12 of mental health and substance use disorders, the unmet need for
13 mental health and substance use disorder treatment in the county,
14 behavioral health disparities, and the homelessness point-in-time
15 count, in preparing each integrated plan and annual update, and
16 should use the data to demonstrate how the plan appropriately
17 allocates funding between mental health and substance use disorder
18 treatment services.

19 (3) A county shall consider the population needs assessment of
20 each Medi-Cal managed care plan, as defined in subdivision (j) of
21 Section 14184.101, that covers residents of the county in preparing
22 each integrated plan and annual update.

23 (4) A county shall consider the community health improvement
24 plan of the local health jurisdiction for the county in preparing
25 each integrated plan and annual update.

26 (5) A county shall stratify data to identify behavioral health
27 disparities and consider approaches to eliminate disparities,
28 including, but not limited to, promising practices, models of care,
29 community-defined evidence practices, workforce diversity, and
30 cultural responsiveness in preparing each integrated plan and
31 annual update.

32 (6) A county shall report and consider the achievement of
33 defined goals and outcomes measures of the prior integrated plan
34 and annual update, in addition to other data and information as
35 specified by the department pursuant to Section 5963.05, in
36 preparing each integrated plan and annual update.

37 (7) A county with a population greater than 200,000 shall
38 collaborate with the five most populous cities in the county,
39 managed care plans, and continuums of care to outline respective

responsibilities and coordination of services related to housing interventions described in Section 5830.

(8) A county shall consider input and feedback into the plan provided by stakeholders, including, but not limited to, those with lived behavioral health experience, including peers and families.

(c) The integrated plan and annual updates shall include a section for each of the following:

(1) (A) Community mental health services provided pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 5600).

(B) Programs and services funded from the Behavioral Health Services Fund pursuant to Section 5890, including a description of how the county meets the requirements of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b).

(C) Programs and services funded by the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness grant pursuant to Sections 290cc-21 to 290cc-35, inclusive, of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(D) Programs and services funded by the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant pursuant to Sections 300x to 300x-9, inclusive, of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(E) Programs and services funded by the Substance Abuse Block Grant pursuant to Sections 300x-21 to 300x-35, inclusive, of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(F) Programs and services provided pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 14680) of Chapter 8.8 of Part 3 of Division 9 and Chapter 8.9 (commencing with Section 14700) of Part 3 of Division 9.

(G) Programs and services provided pursuant to Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 14124.20) of Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9.

(H) Programs and services provided pursuant to Section 14184.401.

(I) Programs and services funded by distributions from the Opioid Settlements Fund established pursuant to Section 12534 of the Government Code.

(J) Services provided through other federal grants or other county mental health and substance use disorder programs.

(K) *Programs and services provided pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 50247 of the Health and Safety Code.*

1 (2) A budget that includes the county planned expenditures and
2 reserves for the county distributions from the Behavioral Health
3 Service Fund and any other funds allocated to the county to provide
4 the services and programs set forth in paragraph (1). The budget
5 shall also include proposed adjustments pursuant to the
6 requirements set forth in paragraph (c) of Section 5892.

7 (3) (A) A description of how the integrated plan and annual
8 update aligns with statewide behavioral health goals and outcome
9 measures, including goals and outcome measures to reduce
10 identified disparities, as defined by the department in consultation
11 with counties, stakeholders, and the Behavioral Health Services
12 and Oversight Accountability Commission, pursuant to Section
13 5963.05.

14 (B) Outcome measures may include, but are not limited to,
15 measures that demonstrate achievement of goals to reduce
16 homelessness among those eligible for housing interventions
17 pursuant to Section 5830 and measures that demonstrate reductions
18 in the number of people who are justice-involved in the county
19 and who are eligible adults or older adults, as defined in Section
20 5892, or eligible children and youth, as defined in Section 5892.

21 (4) A description of how the integrated plan aligns with local
22 goals and outcome measures for behavioral health, including goals
23 and outcome measures to reduce identified disparities.

24 (5) The programs and services specified in paragraph (1) shall
25 include descriptions of efforts to reduce identified disparities in
26 behavioral health outcomes.

27 (6) A description of the data sources considered to meet the
28 requirements specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).

29 (7) A description of how the county has considered the unique
30 needs of LGBTQ+ youth, justice-involved youth, child
31 welfare-involved, justice-involved adults, and older adults in the
32 housing intervention program pursuant to Part 3.2 (commencing
33 with Section 5830) and Full Service Partnership program pursuant
34 to Part 4.1 (commencing with Section 5887).

35 (8) A description of its workforce strategy, to include actions
36 the county will take to ensure its county and noncounty contracted
37 behavioral health workforce is well-supported and culturally and
38 linguistically concordant with the population to be served, and
39 robust enough to achieve the statewide and local behavioral health

1 goals and measures. This description shall include how the county
2 will do all of the following:

3 (A) Maintain and monitor a network of appropriate, high-quality,
4 culturally and linguistically concordant county and noncounty
5 contracted providers, where applicable, that is sufficient to provide
6 adequate access to services and supports for individuals with
7 behavioral health needs.

8 (B) Meet federal and state standards for timely access to care
9 and services, considering the urgency of the need for services.

10 (C) Ensure the health and welfare of the individual and support
11 community integration of the individual.

12 (D) Promote the delivery of services in a culturally competent
13 manner to all individuals, including those with limited English
14 proficiency and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and
15 disabilities, regardless of age, religion, sexual orientation, and
16 gender identity.

17 (E) Ensure physical access, reasonable accommodations, and
18 accessible equipment for individuals with physical, intellectual
19 and developmental, and mental disabilities.

20 (F) Select and retain all contracted network providers, including
21 ensuring all contracted providers meet minimum standards for
22 license, certification, training, experience, and credentialing
23 requirements.

24 (G) Ensure that the contractor's hiring practices meet applicable
25 nondiscrimination standards and demonstrate best practices in
26 promoting diversity and equity.

27 (H) Adequately fund contracts to ensure that noncounty
28 contracted providers are resourced to achieve the behavioral health
29 goals outlined in their contract for the purposes of meeting
30 statewide metrics.

31 (I) Conduct oversight of compliance of all federal and state laws
32 and regulations of all contracted network providers.

33 (J) Fill county vacancies and retain county employees providing
34 direct behavioral health services, if applicable.

35 (9) A description of the system developed to transition a
36 beneficiary's care between the beneficiary's mental health plan
37 and their managed care plan based upon the beneficiary's health
38 condition.

1 (10) Certification by the county behavioral health director, that
2 ensures that the county has complied with all pertinent regulations,
3 laws, and statutes, including stakeholder participation requirements.

4 (11) Certification by the county behavioral health director and
5 by the county chief administration officer or their designee that
6 the county has complied with fiscal accountability requirements,
7 as directed by the department, and that all expenditures are
8 consistent with applicable state and federal law.

9 (d) The county shall submit its integrated plan and annual
10 updates to the department and the commission in a form and
11 manner prescribed by the department.

12 (e) The department shall post on its internet website, in a timely
13 manner, the integrated plan submitted by every county pursuant
14 to this section.

15 (f) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2026, if
16 amendments to the Mental Health Services Act are approved by
17 the voters at the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election.

18 *SEC. 5. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 2 of*
19 *this act amending Section 65583 of the Government Code*
20 *addresses a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal*
21 *affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the*
22 *California Constitution. Therefore, Section 2 of this act applies to*
23 *all cities, including charter cities.*

24 *SEC. 6. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
25 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
26 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
27 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
28 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

29 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
30 ~~legislation to address homelessness.~~