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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JUNE 6, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in departmental powers and
4 duties as to supervision, providing for plan for societal
5 reentry.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 923. Plan for Societal Reentry.--(a) The
12 department, in consultation with the Department of Health and
13 the Department of Corrections, shall develop a plan to ensure
14 that by July 1, 2027, no individual is discharged into
15 homelessness if the individual:

16 (1) Is released from an institution that:

17 (i) the department has supervisory powers over under section
18 902; or

19 (ii) is supervised by the Department of Corrections.

1 (2) Was cared for overnight for seven consecutive days or
2 longer by the institution.

3 (b) The plan developed under subsection (a) shall:

4 (1) Specify actions that departments or agencies of the
5 Commonwealth must take to ensure that no individual is
6 discharged into homelessness.

7 (2) List needed statutory and funding legislative actions.

8 (3) Assign specific departments or agencies of the
9 Commonwealth actions to effectuate the plan.

10 (c) By March 1, 2024, the department shall distribute a copy
11 of the plan developed under subsection (a) to:

12 (1) The Governor.

13 (2) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate.

14 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
15 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (4) The chair and minority chair of the following standing
18 committees of the Senate:

19 (i) Aging and Youth Committee.

20 (ii) Appropriations Committee.

21 (iii) Health and Human Services Committee.

22 (iv) Judiciary Committee.

23 (v) Local Government Committee.

24 (vi) Urban Affairs and Housing Committee.

25 (5) The chair and minority chair of the following standing
26 committees of the House of Representatives:

27 (i) Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

28 (ii) Appropriations Committee.

29 (iii) Children and Youth Committee.

30 (iv) Health Committee.

1 (v) Housing and Community Development Committee.

2 (vi) Human Services Committee.

3 (vii) Judiciary Committee.

4 (viii) Local Government Committee.

5 (d) Prior to discharge from an institution under the
6 supervision of the department under section 902, the department
7 shall ensure that a discharged individual has placement in
8 appropriate permanent housing.

9 (e) As used in this section:

10 "Appropriate permanent housing" as follows:

11 (1) The term includes:

12 (i) Single room occupancies.

13 (ii) Transitional housing.

14 (iii) Housing obtained through housing and rental voucher
15 programs.

16 (iv) Other housing available through Federal or State
17 programs.

18 (2) The term does not include:

19 (i) Shelters or emergency shelters.

20 (ii) A public or private place designed without
21 accommodations for routine or regular living or sleeping.

22 (iii) Further incarceration in instances of an individual
23 released early from incarceration.

24 (iv) Continued housing in the current institution from which
25 the individual is being discharged.

26 "Homelessness" means "homeless," "homeless individual" or
27 "homeless person" as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11302 (relating to
28 general definition of homeless individual).

29 "Transitional housing" means temporary housing which is to
30 facilitate the movement of individuals and families experiencing

1 homelessness to permanent housing within twenty-four months or a
2 longer period as the secretary determines necessary.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.