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Assembly Bill No. 388

CHAPTER 692

An act to amend Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

[Approved by Governor October 09, 2015. Filed with Secretary of State October 09, 2015.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 388, Chang. Housing: veterans: supportive and transitional housing: reports.

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit an annual report to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs administered by the department. Existing law requires the report to include, among other things, an evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.

This bill would additionally require the evaluation to include information relating to the effectiveness of assisted projects in helping veterans occupying any supportive housing or transitional housing development that was issued funds pursuant to that act, as specified.

This bill would incorporate changes to Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code proposed by both this bill and AB 90, which would become operative only if both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2016, and this bill is chaptered last.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the changes to Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code made by Section 2 of this act to ensure that entities that are receiving funds through the administration of Proposition 41, the California Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, are using them in the most effective manner possible to prevent veteran homelessness and to aid those impoverished veterans who are already residing in homelessness. The inclusion of this study would ensure that the Legislature will have adequate data to assess the viability of the program as well as to give the California Department of Veterans Affairs a means by which to determine the viability of nonprofits that serve veterans and assess their worthiness in the program.

SEC. 2. Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

50408. (a) On or before December 31 of each year, the department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs

administered by the department, including, but not limited to, the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program and Community Development Block Grant activity.

(b) The report shall include all of the following information:

- (1) The number of units assisted by those programs.
- (2) The number of individuals and households served and their income levels.
- (3) The distribution of units among various areas of the state.
- (4) The amount of other public and private funds leveraged by the assistance provided by those programs.
- (5) Information detailing the assistance provided to various groups of persons by programs that are targeted to assist those groups.
- (6) The information required to be reported pursuant to Section 17031.8.

(7) (A) An evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department pursuant to Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code, including information relating to the effectiveness of assisted projects in helping veterans occupying any supportive housing or transitional housing development that was issued funds pursuant to that article.

(B) The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

(i) Performance outcome data including, but not limited to, housing stability, housing exit information, and tenant satisfaction, which may be measured by a survey, and changes in income, benefits, and education.

(I) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "housing stability" includes, but is not limited to, how many tenants exit transitional housing to permanent housing or maintain permanent housing, and the length of time those tenants spent in assisted units.

(II) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "housing exit information" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (ia) How many tenants left assisted units.
- (ib) The length of tenancy in assisted units.
- (ic) The reason those tenants left assisted units, when that information is readily obtainable.
- (id) The housing status of a tenant exiting an assisted unit upon exit when that information is readily available.

(ii) Client data, which may include, but is not limited to, demographic characteristics of the veteran and his or her family, educational and employment status of the veteran, and veteran-specific information including, but not limited to, disability ratings, type of discharge, branch, era of service, and veterans affairs health care eligibility.

SEC. 3. Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

50408. (a) On or before December 31 of each year, the department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs administered by the department, including, but not limited to, the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program and Community Development Block Grant activity.

(b) The report shall include all of the following information:

- (1) The number of units assisted by those programs.
- (2) The number of individuals and households served and their income levels.
- (3) The distribution of units among various areas of the state.
- (4) The amount of other public and private funds leveraged by the assistance provided by those programs.
- (5) Information detailing the assistance provided to various groups of persons by programs that are targeted to assist those groups.
- (6) The information required to be reported pursuant to Section 17031.8.

(7) (A) An evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department pursuant to Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code, including information relating to the effectiveness of assisted projects in helping veterans occupying any supportive housing or transitional housing development that was issued funds pursuant to that article.

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(I) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "housing stability" includes, but is not limited to, how many tenants exit transitional housing to permanent housing or maintain permanent housing, and the length of time those tenants spent in assisted units.

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(ic) The reason those tenants left assisted units, when that information is readily obtainable.

(id) The housing status of a tenant exiting an assisted unit upon exit when that information is readily available.

(ii) Client data, which may include, but is not limited to, demographic characteristics of the veteran and his or her family, educational and employment status of the veteran, and veteran-specific information including, but not limited to, disability ratings, type of discharge, branch, era of service, and veterans affairs health care eligibility.

(8) An evaluation of any program established by the department to meet the legal requirements of the Federal Housing Trust Fund program guidelines.

SEC. 4. Section 3 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code proposed by both this bill and Assembly Bill 90. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2016, (2) each bill amends Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 90, in which case Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative.