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**AB-2174 Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams.** (2019-2020)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2174**

**CHAPTER 143**

An act to add Section 18999.82 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homelessness.

[ Approved by Governor September 25, 2020. Filed with Secretary of State September 25, 2020. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2174, Gallagher. Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams.

Existing law authorizes a county to establish a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care.

This bill would additionally authorize the Counties of Yuba and Sutter to jointly establish a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Counties of Yuba and Sutter.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 18999.82 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

**18999.82.** (a) The Counties of Yuba and Sutter may establish a joint homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within either of those counties and to allow provider agencies and members of the personnel team to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care.

(b) A joint homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team established pursuant to this section shall conform to all requirements and obligations of a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team established pursuant to Section 18999.8.

(c) The Counties of Yuba and Sutter shall adopt a joint protocol to govern the sharing of information that is in full compliance with the requirements and obligations for protocols developed pursuant to Section 18999.8. A joint protocol adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall be at least as restrictive of the sharing of confidential information as any protocol adopted pursuant to

subdivision (e) of Section 18999.8 for the sharing of information by a team comprised solely of members of either county individually.

(d) If a city within the County of Yuba or Sutter requests to participate in a joint multidisciplinary personnel team established pursuant to this section, the counties shall allow for the participation of appropriate city personnel, as determined by the counties, unless the counties determine that participation by the city would hinder compliance with the requirements and obligations set forth in this chapter or would otherwise conflict with the counties' goals and objectives.

**SEC. 2.** The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique geographical characteristics of the Counties of Yuba and Sutter and their preexisting and coordinated approach to addressing homelessness and providing services to individuals and families who are homeless.