

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 437, *approved January 18, 2022*
Assembly, No. 1229 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning homeless prevention programs and services and
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Department of Community Affairs shall prepare and
8 make available on the department's Internet website, in an easily
9 printable format, ¹or contract with a third party to prepare and make
10 available,¹ information on all county, State, and federal homeless
11 prevention programs and services that are available to a homeless
12 person or to a person who is at imminent risk of homelessness. The
13 department shall update the information whenever new information
14 about the programs and services becomes available. The
15 information shall include, but not be limited to, a list, by county, of:
16 (1) grant programs and homeless intervention programs,
17 including the "Homeless Veterans Grant Fund" established by
18 section 4 of P.L.2013, c.239 (C.54A:9-25.33), "Statue of Liberty
19 Trust Fund," established by section 3 of P.L.1987, c.57 (C.32:32-3),
20 "County Homelessness Trust Fund," created by P.L.2009,
21 c.123 (C.52:27D-287a et al.), and the Homeless Intervention
22 Program in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, that
23 supply grants and provide referral assistance services to homeless
24 veterans, homeless persons, and persons at imminent risk of
25 homelessness, as applicable;
26 (2) homeless youth programs and other homeless services
27 provided to teens and young adults by the Division of Children's
28 System of Care and Office of Adolescent Services in the
29 Department of Children and Families;
30 (3) homeless prevention services provided by the Division of
31 Child Protection and Permanency in the Department of Children
32 and Families to families involved in the child welfare system;
33 (4) homeless services provided by the Division of Mental Health
34 and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services to
35 persons suffering from mental illness or co-occurring addiction and
36 mental health disease; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with the
Governor's recommendations June 14, 2021.

1 (5) other county, State, or federal housing and homeless
2 prevention programs that provide financial and other supportive
3 services to homeless persons or those at imminent risk of
4 homelessness.

5 b. The department shall notify each county welfare agency,
6 Division of Child Protection and Permanency local office, veterans
7 service office, emergency shelter for the homeless, health care
8 facility, State psychiatric hospital, crisis intervention unit, screening
9 service, library, and community-based outreach program and
10 nonprofit organizations providing housing and homeless prevention
11 services in the State of the requirement to:

12 (1) post the information specified in paragraph (1) of subsection
13 a. of this section in a conspicuous public place in the agency, office
14 shelter, facility, hospital, unit, screening service, library, or place
15 where housing and homeless prevention services are provided; and

16 (2) provide the information, at no cost, to homeless persons or
17 persons at imminent risk of homelessness.

18 c. The department shall ensure, in consultation with the
19 Departments of Children and Families, Health, Human Services,
20 and Military and Veterans Affairs, that:

21 (1) the information posted on its website is made available on
22 the websites of the Departments of Children and Families, Health,
23 Human Services, and Military and Veterans Affairs, and is updated
24 as necessary; and

25 (2) a website link to the information is posted to the Internet
26 website of every county welfare agency, Division of Child
27 Protection and Permanency local office, and veterans service office
28 in the State.

29 d. As used in this section, "homeless person" means a teen, a
30 young adult, a veteran, as defined under N.J.S.11A:5-1,
31 N.J.S.18A:66-2, section 6 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-6), or
32 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.391 (C.43:16A-11.7), an unemployed or
33 underemployed person, a person with mental illness, or a person
34 with developmental disabilities who is living outside, or in a
35 building not meant for human habitation or which the person has no
36 legal right to occupy, or in an emergency shelter, in a temporary
37 housing program which may include a transitional and supportive
38 housing program if habitation time limits exist, or temporarily in
39 the home of another household, or in a motel.

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41 2. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
42 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Department of Community Affairs,
43 in consultation with the Departments of Children and Families,
44 Health, Human Services, and Military and Veterans Affairs, may
45 adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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47 3. This act shall take effect ¹immediately, but in order to
48 provide the department with time to prepare the website, the

1 requirement to make the website publicly available, fully
2 incorporating the information required under section 1, shall remain
3 inoperative until the first day of the third month next following
4 enactment】 9 months following enactment, except that the
5 department may take any anticipatory administrative action in
6 advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act¹.

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11 Requires DCA to make information on homeless prevention
12 programs and services available on its Internet website.