

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 616

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

MENTAL HEALTH: Provides for oversight of publicly funded homeless service providers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:513(Q) and Part IV of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised
3 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:581, relative to homelessness; to
4 provide for oversight of publicly funded homeless service providers; to provide for
5 the duties of the auditor; to require homeless service providers to submit certain
6 documentation upon request; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 24:513(Q) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records;
10 assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena
11 power

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13 Q. The legislative auditor may review and prepare a report on publicly
14 funded homeless service providers in accordance with R.S. 40:581 for the purposes
15 of transparency and ensuring proper utilization of public funds.

16 Section 2. Part IV of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
17 comprised of R.S. 40:581, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 PART IV. SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS2 §581. Oversight of publicly funded homeless service providers

3 A. Any continuum of care organization or homeless services provider that
 4 receives state or local public funds shall, upon request of the legislative auditor or
 5 a parish president or a governing body of a municipality providing such funds,
 6 submit to a legislative audit pursuant to R.S. 24:513 and provide the requesting
 7 municipality with detailed documentation regarding:

8 (1) Program performance metrics, including housing outcomes and service
 9 delivery statistics.

10 (2) Effectiveness in achieving stated goals and objectives.

11 (3) The use and allocation of public funds in an easy to read format, such as
 12 a spreadsheet.

13 B. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section may result in the
 14 suspension or termination of public funding, subject to applicable laws and contract
 15 provisions.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires publicly funded homeless service providers to submit to audits and provide performance and financial documentation.

Proposed law authorizes the legislative auditor to review and prepare a report on publicly funded homeless service providers in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires any continuum of care organization or homeless services provider that receives state or local public funds to submit to a legislative audit upon request of the funding entity and to provide requesting entity with detailed documentation regarding program performance, effectiveness, and the use and allocation of public funds.

Proposed law authorizes the suspension or termination of public funding for a provider's failure to comply with these audit and reporting requirements, subject to applicable law and contract provisions.

(Adds R.S. 24:513(Q) and R.S. 40:581)