

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 616

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, CHASSION, AND MARTINEZ

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:

18 PART IV. SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

19 §581. Oversight of publicly funded homeless service providers

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

25 (1) Program performance metrics, including housing outcomes and service
26 delivery statistics.

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

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

4 B. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section shall result in the
5 suspension or termination of public funding, including federal, state, and local funds,
6 subject to applicable laws and contract provisions.

7 C. The legislative auditor shall comply with any and all restrictions imposed
8 by law on documents, data, or information deemed confidential by law and furnished
9 to the legislative auditor.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____