

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 3131, as introduced, establishes a statewide continuum of care for homeless services that will be administered by the State Department of Health. Participation in the continuum of care and compliance with the measure will be required for homeless service providers receiving public funds. The State Department of Health must do the following:

- Adopt rules establishing minimum operational, public health, safety, financial, and reporting standards for homeless service providers receiving public funds;
- Establish minimum public health and safety standards;
- Establish financial audit and reporting thresholds;
- Maintain a statewide registry of homeless service providers receiving public funds;
- Receive and review compliance and aggregate data reports from boards of county commissioners; and
- Publish an annual statewide report.

The measure also requires each board of county commissioners to serve as the local coordinating authority for homeless service providers that operate in the county and receive public funds. The board of commissioners will maintain a registry of providers in the county that receive public funds, verify provider compliance with financial audit and reporting requirements, facilitate coordination between providers and local public health and safety entities, receive annual reports and aggregate data, and submit an annual report to the Department. Homeless service providers receiving public funds must comply with requirements and prepare an annual report provided it does not contain personally identifiable information of service recipients. Homeless service providers must submit aggregate data which will be solely used for public health planning and oversight purposes.

Each applicable homeless service provider must designate a public safety and health liaison that is responsible for coordinating with law enforcement and emergency services. Providers must maintain written protocol for coordination with local law enforcement and emergency services. Nothing in this act will require homeless service providers to perform law enforcement functions, disclose confidential client information except where otherwise required by law, or authorize law enforcement to control or manage a provider's internal operations. The State Department of Health or board of county commissioners will establish a process to receive and investigate complaints regarding this act and no homeless service provider can retaliate against somebody making a complaint in good faith. The measure provides for actions upon a finding of noncompliance. Nothing in this measure will be construed to superseded or preempt local zoning, land use, or building authority or require a political subdivision to approve or site a homeless service facility.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3131 establishes a statewide continuum of care for homeless services to be administered by the State Department of Health (OSDH).

OSDH estimates the measure would require one additional FTE to oversee the statewide continuum of care at an annual cost of \$167,350, including salary, benefits, and related expenses. HB 3131 would require an appropriation of this amount, resulting in a \$167,350 fiscal impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.