

**HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill authorizes the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee to develop a funding formula.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ ~~H~~→ [—~~authorizes~~] requires ←~~H~~ the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee to develop a funding formula for the provision of homeless services;

▶ describes the criteria the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee shall use in developing a funding formula for the provision of homeless services;

▶ requires the Utah Homelessness Council to approve any funding formula developed by the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee by a two-thirds vote;

▶ requires the state homelessness coordinator to utilize an approved funding formula in disbursing funds for the provision of homeless services; and

▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:



183 homelessness council shall refer the proposed funding formula back to the steering committee  
 184 for further consideration.

185 Section 4. Section **35A-16-207** is amended to read:

186 **35A-16-207. Duties of the steering committee.**

187 (1) The steering committee shall:

188 [(1)] (a) support connections across continuums of care, local homeless councils, and  
 189 state and local governments;

190 [(2)] (b) coordinate statewide emergency and crisis response in relation to services for  
 191 individuals experiencing homelessness;

192 [(3)] (c) provide training to providers of services for individuals experiencing  
 193 homelessness, stakeholders, and policymakers;

194 [(4)] (d) educate the general public and other interested persons regarding the needs,  
 195 challenges, and opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness; and

196 [(5)] (e) make recommendations to the homelessness council regarding the awarding of  
 197 funding for the provision of homeless services as described in Subsection 35A-16-203(1)(d).

198 (2) The steering committee ~~H~~→ [may] shall ←~~H~~ , in consultation with members of the  
 198a homelessness  
 199 council, the office, members of local homelessness councils, and the coordinator, develop a  
 200 funding formula as described in Section 35A-16-208.

201 Section 5. Section **35A-16-208** is enacted to read:

202 **35A-16-208. Funding formula.**

203 (1) The steering committee ~~H~~→ [may] shall ←~~H~~ develop a formula for the distribution of  
 203a funds for the  
 204 provision of homeless services.

205 (2) A formula for the distribution of funds for the provision of homeless services shall:

206 (a) take into consideration:

207 (i) the various needs of regions of the state;

208 (ii) ~~H~~→ metrics and evidence of success;

208a (iii) ←~~H~~ the goals outlined in the strategic plan; and

209 ~~H~~→ [(iii)] (iv) ←~~H~~ any other factor the steering committee considers necessary; and

210 (b) utilize objective metrics to ensure, as much as possible, an impartial result.

211 (3) A funding formula described in this section applies to federal funds received by the  
 212 office for the provision of homeless services only insofar as any federal regulations governing  
 213 those federal funds allow.