

REFERENCE TITLE: housing assistance; seriously mentally ill

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Introduced by
Representatives Carter: Brophy McGee

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-3955.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 41-3955.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-3955.01. Seriously mentally ill housing trust fund; purpose;
5 report

6 A. The seriously mentally ill housing trust fund is established. The
7 director of the department of health services shall administer the fund. The
8 fund consists of monies received pursuant to section 44-313 and investment
9 earnings.

10 B. On notice from the department of health services, the state
11 treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by section
12 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund.

13 C. Fund monies shall be spent on approval of the department of health
14 services solely for housing projects **AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE** for ~~the~~ seriously
15 mentally ill **PERSONS**.

16 D. The director of the department of health services shall report
17 annually to the legislature on the status of the seriously mentally ill
18 housing trust fund. The report shall include a summary of facilities for
19 which funding was provided during the preceding fiscal year and shall show
20 the cost and geographic location of each facility and the number of
21 individuals benefiting from the operation, construction or renovation of the
22 facility. The report shall be submitted to the president of the senate and
23 the speaker of the house of representatives no later than September 1 of each
24 year.

25 E. Monies in the seriously mentally ill housing trust fund are exempt
26 from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

27 F. An amount not to exceed ten ~~per-cent~~ **PERCENT** of the seriously
28 mentally ill housing trust fund monies may be appropriated annually by the
29 legislature to the department of health services for administrative costs in
30 providing services relating to the seriously mentally ill housing trust fund.

31 G. For any construction project financed by the department of health
32 services pursuant to this section, the department of health services shall
33 notify a city, town, county or tribal government that a project is planned
34 for its jurisdiction and, before proceeding, shall seek comment from the
35 governing body of the city, town, county or tribal government or an official
36 authorized by the governing body of the city, town, county or tribal
37 government. The department of health services shall not interfere with or
38 attempt to override the local jurisdiction's planning, zoning or land use
39 regulations.