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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 9; AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-119.06; AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-207; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-710.02; REPEALING SECTION 41-710.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3956; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

2 Section 1. Title 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding
3 chapter 9, to read:

4 CHAPTER 9

5 HOMELESSNESS RIGHTS

6 ARTICLE 1. HOMELESS PERSONS' BILL OF RIGHTS

7 1-901. Homeless persons' bill of rights; attorney fees and
8 costs

9 A. A PERSON'S RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES OR ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES MAY
10 NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED SOLELY BECAUSE THE PERSON IS HOMELESS. A
11 HOMELESS PERSON HAS THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS ANY OTHER RESIDENT
12 OF THIS STATE. A PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

13 1. HAS THE RIGHT TO USE AND MOVE FREELY IN PUBLIC SPACES, INCLUDING
14 PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC
15 BUILDINGS, IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER PERSON AND WITHOUT
16 DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF THE PERSON'S HOUSING STATUS.

17 2. HAS THE RIGHT TO EQUAL TREATMENT BY ALL STATE AND MUNICIPAL
18 AGENCIES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HOUSING STATUS.

19 3. HAS THE RIGHT NOT TO FACE DISCRIMINATION WHILE SEEKING OR
20 MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT DUE TO THE PERSON'S LACK OF PERMANENT MAILING
21 ADDRESS OR THE PERSON'S MAILING ADDRESS BEING THAT OF A SHELTER OR SOCIAL
22 SERVICE PROVIDER.

23 4. HAS THE RIGHT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE THAT IS FREE FROM
24 DISCRIMINATION BASED ON THE PERSON'S HOUSING STATUS.

25 5. HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE, REGISTER TO VOTE AND RECEIVE
26 DOCUMENTATION THAT IS NECESSARY TO PROVE IDENTITY FOR VOTING WITHOUT
27 DISCRIMINATION DUE TO THE PERSON'S HOUSING STATUS.

28 6. HAS THE RIGHT TO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

29 (a) PROTECTION FROM THE PERSON'S RECORDS AND INFORMATION THAT IS
30 PROVIDED TO HOMELESS SHELTERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BEING DISCLOSED
31 TO STATE, MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE ENTITIES WITHOUT APPROPRIATE LEGAL
32 AUTHORITY.

33 (b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION IN
34 ACCORDANCE WITH ALL LIMITATIONS ON DISCLOSURE THAT ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE
35 FEDERAL HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, THE FEDERAL HEALTH
36 INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE
37 AGAINST WOMEN ACT.

38 7. HAS THE RIGHT TO A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY IN THE
39 PERSON'S PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS PERSONAL PROPERTY IN A
40 PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

41 B. IN ANY CIVIL ACTION THAT ALLEGES A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION,
42 THE COURT MAY AWARD APPROPRIATE INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF, ACTUAL
43 DAMAGES AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF.

1 Sec. 2. Title 12, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by adding section 12-119.06, to read:

3 12-119.06. Eviction diversion and prevention program

4 A. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL ESTABLISH A
5 STATEWIDE EVICTION DIVERSION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES TENANT
6 EDUCATION THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS STATE FOR TENANT
7 RIGHTS AND THAT TEACHES TENANTS HOW TO DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. ACCESS SOCIAL SERVICES AND LEGAL RESOURCES TO ENABLE HOUSING
9 STABILITY.

10 2. OBTAIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING ISSUES.

11 3. ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

12 B. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED
13 ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL ALSO PROVIDE LEGAL AID TO ASSIST TENANTS WITH
14 CRIMINAL RECORD EXPUNGEMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SECURITY
15 BENEFITS AND LANDLORD AND TENANT ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE HOUSING STABILITY.

16 Sec. 3. Title 13, chapter 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
17 by adding section 13-207, to read:

18 13-207. Criminal liability for sitting, sleeping or lying
19 outside on public property while homeless

20 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PERSON IS NOT CRIMINALLY LIABLE AND
21 MAY NOT BE CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE THAT PROHIBITS THE
22 PERSON FROM SITTING, LYING OR SLEEPING IN OR ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IF, AT THE
23 TIME OF THE ACT, BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

24 1. THE PERSON IS HOMELESS.

25 2. THERE IS NO SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THE PERSON TO SLEEP IN A
26 HOMELESS SHELTER.

27 Sec. 4. Title 41, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
28 is amended by adding section 41-710.02, to read:

29 41-710.02. Affordable housing pilot program; report

30 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM THAT DOES ALL OF
31 THE FOLLOWING:

32 1. PROVIDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALS
33 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

34 2. PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE LEASING OF VACANT COMMERCIAL AND HOTEL
35 SPACES, INCLUDING STATE BUILDINGS, FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX TO
36 FORTY-EIGHT MONTHS TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

37 3. PROVIDES PROPERTY OWNERS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS IN THIS STATE
38 WITH RESOURCES TO OFFER AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
39 HOMELESSNESS.

40 4. PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO
41 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

42 5. ESTABLISHES A STATEWIDE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS
43 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO SECURE STABLE HOUSING AND JOB PLACEMENT.

1 B. THE DEPARTMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE RULEMAKING REQUIREMENTS OF
2 TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6 AND MAY WAIVE RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE
3 PILOT PROGRAM.

4 C. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A
5 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DETAILING THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND
7 ANY REVENUES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
8 PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

9 Sec. 5. Delayed repeal

10 Section 41-710.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,
11 is repealed from and after December 31, 2027.

12 Sec. 6. Title 41, chapter 37, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
13 is amended by adding section 41-3956, to read:

14 41-3956. Grant program for sanctioned housing;
15 multidisciplinary homeless outreach teams; mental
16 health or substance abuse homeless shelters;
17 community homeless courts; annual report;
18 immunity; definitions

19 A. THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD GRANTS TO A MUNICIPALITY, A TRIBE, A
20 COUNTY, A CONSORTIUM OF MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES OR A NONPROFIT
21 ORGANIZATION IN COOPERATION WITH A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO ESTABLISH OR
22 OPERATE SANCTIONED HOUSING FOR UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
23 HOMELESSNESS.

24 B. ALL SANCTIONED HOUSING SHALL:

25 1. INCLUDE TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR DAILY ACCESS TO SANITARY FACILITIES,
26 POTABLE WATER, APPROPRIATE WEATHER RESPITE FACILITIES, FACILITIES FOR PETS
27 AND TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR ON-SITE SECURITY, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
28 AND FIRE RESPONSE.

29 2. BE INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR
30 HOMELESS SERVICES.

31 3. SET LOW BARRIERS TO ENTRY FOR UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS
32 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

33 4. FOR SANCTIONED HOUSING, ALLOW UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS
34 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO CAMP AND STORE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN AREAS AND
35 AMOUNTS DESIGNATED BY THE OPERATOR OF THE SANCTIONED HOUSING.

36 5. ESTABLISH RULES FOR THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS AND STORED
37 PROPERTY. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES A RULE MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE
38 SANCTIONED HOUSING.

39 6. INCLUDE HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING AND ELECTRICITY.

40 C. ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
41 ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS FOR AWARDING GRANTS PRESCRIBED IN
42 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NOT
43 LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER THE
44 FOLLOWING INFORMATION OR FACTORS WHEN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS:

45 1. THE AMOUNT OF MONIES REQUESTED.

1 2. THE DURATION OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATE OF
2 THE TIME NECESSARY TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OR PREPARE TO MAKE THE PROGRAM
3 OPERATIONAL.

4 3. THE NUMBER OF SANCTIONED HOUSING SITES OR OTHER SITES TO BE
5 OPERATED.

6 4. THE APPLICANT'S PLANS TO FACILITATE AND SUPPORT A CONTINUUM OF
7 CARE SERVICE MODEL TO ASSIST UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
8 HOMELESSNESS.

9 5. THE PLAN FOR OPERATING SITES CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
10 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

11 6. A DESCRIPTION OF OUTREACH METHODS TO FACILITATE REDUCING THE
12 UNSHELTERED POPULATION, INCLUDING THE USE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOMELESS
13 OUTREACH TEAMS.

14 D. A MUNICIPALITY MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SANCTIONED HOUSING
15 TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS USED FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND
16 DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

17 E. IN ADDITION TO THE GRANT APPLICATION PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION C
18 OF THIS SECTION, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL PROVIDE:

19 1. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.

20 2. THE RELEVANT CENSUS NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS
21 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION.

22 F. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION I, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SECTION, GOAL
23 ATTAINMENT FACTORS FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA GRANT SHALL BE SUBTRACTED
24 FROM A NUMBER DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY BY IDENTIFYING THE AREA OF A
25 ONE-HALF MILE CIRCUMFERENCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE HIGHEST
26 CONCENTRATION OF UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE
27 LOCATED. THIS NUMBER SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A CENSUS COUNT ACQUIRED BY
28 THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
29 SECTION. ALL OTHER GOAL ATTAINMENT FACTORS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION G OF
30 THIS SECTION APPLY.

31 G. CONTINGENT ON FULL FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, A RECIPIENT UNDER
32 SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION SHALL ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING REDUCTION
33 GOALS:

34 1. TWENTY PERCENT OF THE NUMBER ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
35 F OF THIS SECTION IN THE FIRST YEAR.

36 2. AN ADDITIONAL REDUCTION IN THE SECOND YEAR REPRESENTING A
37 CUMULATIVE REDUCTION OF SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT IN TWO YEARS.

38 H. CONTINGENT ON THE FULL FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, A GRANT RECIPIENT
39 FOR OTHER THAN A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA SHALL ESTABLISH A REDUCTION GOAL OF
40 FIFTEEN PERCENT FOR UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN THE FIRST YEAR AND A
41 REDUCTION IN THE SECOND YEAR THE PROGRAM IS FUNDED AND OPERATED
42 REPRESENTING A CUMULATIVE REDUCTION OF FORTY PERCENT IN TWO YEARS.

43 I. IN DETERMINING THE REDUCTION OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS FOR
44 GRANT PROGRAMS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

1 1. GOAL ATTAINMENT FACTORS SHALL INITIALLY BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE
2 NUMBER ESTABLISHED BY THE UNSHELTERED HOMELESS CENSUS CONDUCTED IN 2023 BY
3 COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT CONTINUUM OF CARE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF
4 THIS STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE 2023 UNSHELTERED HOMELESS CENSUS
5 AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY ANY ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS.

6 2. GOAL ATTAINMENT FACTORS SHALL INCLUDE ALL HOUSING SERVICES
7 PROVIDED BY THE GRANTEE OR ANY ORGANIZATION THAT IS LOCATED OR OPERATING
8 WITHIN THE GRANTEE'S JURISDICTION SINCE THE 2023 UNSHELTERED HOMELESS
9 CENSUS.

10 3. THE YEARLY GOAL SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE YEAR BEGINNING SIXTY
11 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE DIRECTOR APPROVES THE GRANT.

12 J. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR IN WHICH A PROGRAM IS IN
13 OPERATION AND FUNDED, THE GRANTEE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR
14 INDICATING THE RESULTS OF ITS REDUCTION GOALS.

15 K. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISBURSE GRANT MONIES TO A MUNICIPALITY, A
16 TRIBE, A COUNTY, A CONSORTIUM OF MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES OR A
17 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN COOPERATION WITH A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO
18 ESTABLISH OR SUPPORT MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAMS. A
19 MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM SHALL:

- 20 1. BE COMPOSED OF:
 - 21 (a) PEER PROVIDERS OR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.
 - 22 (b) SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.
 - 23 (c) CONTRACTED SECURITY OFFICERS.

24 2. WORK TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAMPING AND SLEEPING IN PUBLIC
25 OR PRIVATE PLACES NOT FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION INTO HOMELESS SERVICES,
26 HOUSING, SHELTERS OR SANCTIONED HOUSING BASED ON BED AVAILABILITY.

27 L. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE GRANT MONIES TO A MUNICIPALITY, A
28 TRIBE, A COUNTY, A CONSORTIUM OF MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES OR A
29 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN COOPERATION WITH A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO
30 ESTABLISH OR SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE HOMELESS SHELTERS.
31 A MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE HOMELESS SHELTER SHALL:

- 32 1. PROVIDE SHELTER FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO
33 SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH OR ADDICTION ISSUES.
- 34 2. RETAIN THE SERVICES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO MAKE
35 MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENTS.

36 M. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE GRANT MONIES TO MUNICIPALITIES THAT
37 HAVE ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY HOMELESS COURTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CASE
38 MANAGERS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, PROSECUTORS AND ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH
39 SERVICES NOT PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1 FOR
40 UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. A COMMUNITY HOMELESS
41 COURT SHALL:

- 42 1. BE OPERATED BY A MUNICIPALITY THAT HAS INSTRUCTED LAW
43 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CITING UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
44 HOMELESSNESS FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO SITTING, CAMPING, LOITERING OR
45 SLEEPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY TO FIRST OFFER SHELTER TO INDIVIDUALS

1 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IF THE MUNICIPALITY HAS AVAILABLE BEDS AND TO
2 ISSUE A CITATION TO AN INDIVIDUAL ONLY AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL REFUSES AN
3 OFFERED AND AVAILABLE BED.

4 2. FOR CITED INDIVIDUALS, ASSIGN A COURT DATE AND OFFER ANY
5 AVAILABLE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS. CASE MANAGERS SHALL MONITOR PROGRAM
6 COMPLIANCE AND ASSIST CITED INDIVIDUALS WITH FINDING ANY APPROPRIATE
7 SERVICES, INCLUDING LONG-TERM HOUSING, MEDICAL TREATMENT AND EMPLOYMENT
8 COUNSELING.

9 3. IF A CITED INDIVIDUAL IS COMPLIANT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME AS
10 PRESCRIBED BY THE COURT, DISMISS THE INDIVIDUAL'S CITATION AND OUTSTANDING
11 FINES.

12 N. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISBURSE GRANT MONIES TO FIRST CARE RESPONDER
13 TEAMS CONSISTING OF PARAMEDICS AND LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO
14 LOCATE, ADMINISTER AID TO AND PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
15 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. FIRST CARE RESPONDER TEAMS SHALL:

16 1. LOCATE AND APPROACH INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
17 OFFER AID AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES TO THEM.

18 2. AT THE REQUEST OF AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
19 TRANSPORT THE INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO A HOMELESS SHELTER
20 OR OTHER AID CENTER.

21 3. ACT AS THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
22 HOMELESSNESS BEFORE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE CONTACTED.

23 0. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

24 1. "LOW BARRIER" MEANS A SHELTER THAT PROVIDES A BED OR OTHER
25 SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THAT USES NONPUNITIVE,
26 TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES AND HARM REDUCTION APPROACHES AND THAT ALLOWS
27 THE GUEST TO STORE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PETS ON-SITE WITH THE EXPECTATION
28 THAT GUESTS OBEY THE LAW AND BEHAVE IN A MANNER THAT IS RESPECTFUL,
29 NON-THREATENING AND NOT OVERLY DISRUPTIVE.

30 2. "SANCTIONED HOUSING" MEANS SANCTIONED TRANSITIONAL CAMPING
31 SITES, NONCONGREGATE SHELTERS, CONGREGATE EMERGENCY SHELTERS OR SIMILAR
32 LOW-COST STRUCTURES THAT CAN BE ASSEMBLED OR OBTAINED QUICKLY.

33 Sec. 7. Legislative intent

34 The legislature intends to sustain a funding grant program to ensure
35 the health and safety of the community and safely move as many unsheltered
36 individuals experiencing homelessness off the streets and into sanctioned
37 housing or other sites that provide security and services.

38 Sec. 8. Appropriations; Arizona department of housing;
39 homeless services; exemption

40 A. The sum of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
41 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona department of housing for the
42 affordable housing pilot program for cities, towns and counties in this
43 state for homeless services programs designed to reduce homelessness.
44 Eligible programs must allow homeless individuals to be compensated for
45 daily work, offer a daily remuneration rate and help participants to

1 access support services. Participating cities, towns and counties must
2 provide a dollar-for-dollar local match for each grant dollar received.
3 The Arizona department of housing shall prioritize awarding grants to
4 cities, towns and counties that have an established program that meets the
5 grant requirements.

6 B. The sum of \$150,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
7 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona department of housing for the
8 purposes of section 41-3956, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
9 act.

10 C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section
11 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised
12 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

13 Sec. 9. Appropriation; department of economic security;
14 rental assistance; exemption

15 A. The sum of \$290,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
16 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of economic security to
17 distribute for rental assistance. The department shall allocate at least
18 \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to this section to
19 distribute for rental assistance to persons who are at least sixty-five
20 years of age.

21 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
22 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
23 to lapsing of appropriations.

24 Sec. 10. Appropriation; administrative office of the courts;
25 eviction diversion and prevention program;
26 exemption

27 A. The sum of \$6,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
28 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the administrative office of the courts
29 for the eviction diversion and prevention program established pursuant to
30 section 12-119.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act. Monies
31 shall be used as follows:

32 1. \$1,000,000 shall be used for the purposes of section 12-119.06,
33 subsection A, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

34 2. \$5,000,000 shall be used for the purposes of section 12-119.06,
35 subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

36 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
37 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
38 to lapsing of appropriations.

39 Sec. 11. Emergency

40 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
41 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
42 law.