



# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9H.12: Statewide Continuum of Care Program

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| <b>Analysis of:</b>   | Sec. 9H.12 of S.L. 2023-134 |                     | Legislative Analyst |

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 9H.12 of S.L. 2023-134 provides that of the funds appropriated by the act from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), \$1.5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and \$1.5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, must be allocated to the Human Coalition, a nonprofit organization, to fund operation of the Human Coalition's statewide Continuum of Care Program, as expanded pursuant to Section 9G.6 of S.L. 2021-180. The funds must be used for nonreligious, nonsectarian purposes only and the Human Coalition can use up to 10% of the funds allocated for the statewide Continuum of Care Program for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium for administrative purposes.

- **Human Coalition Report to DHHS** - Beginning December 1, 2023, and every six months after until December 1, 2026, the Human Coalition must report to DHHS on the status and operation of the statewide Continuum of Care Program. The report must include at least all of the following: (i) a detailed breakdown of expenditures for the program; (ii) the number of individuals served by the program and, for the individuals served, the types of services provided to each; and (iii) any other information requested by DHHS that is necessary for evaluating the success of the program.
- **DHHS Report** - By February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026, DHHS must report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the status and operation of the statewide Continuum of Care Program. At a minimum, the report must include the information specified above in the Human Coalition report to DHHS.

*This section became effective July 1, 2023.*

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