

(1) An increasing number of individuals in the State are homeless and lack proper nutrition AND ADEQUATE SERVICES;

(2) Current State-operated programs do not adequately address these problems; and

(3) As a result, there is a lack of quality emergency public and private [housing and nutrition] HOUSING, NUTRITION, AND SERVICE programs available for these individuals.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Homeless individual" means an individual who:

(i) Is in need of housing or emergency shelter and proper nutrition;

(ii) Cannot be placed immediately in other available [housing and nutrition] HOUSING, NUTRITION, AND SERVICE programs; and

(iii) Is a resident of the State at the time the application for housing is made.

[(2) "Homeless individual" does not include an individual seeking shelter as part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's discharge service plan.

(3) "Nutrition program" means an on-site emergency feeding service.]

(2) "SHELTER, NUTRITION, AND SERVICE PROGRAM" MEANS AN-INTAKE-FACILITY-THAT-OFFERS-AND-PROVIDES-CRISIS FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS THAT OFFER AND PROVIDE SERVICES OF FOOD OR SHELTER AND MAY INCLUDE LINKAGE TO MULTIPLE SERVICE COMPONENTS, CENTRALIZED DECISION MAKING REGARDING PLACEMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AND FOLLOW-UP SERVICES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

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(a) [(1)] The [Secretary of the Department of Human Resources is authorized to] GOVERNOR SHALL IS AUTHORIZED TO establish a [shelter and nutrition] SHELTER, NUTRITION, AND SERVICE program for homeless individuals.

[(2)] (B) The purpose of this program is to provide [temporary shelter and proper nutrition to homeless individuals for not more than 8 consecutive weeks, subject to a maximum of 3 one-week extensions.] CRISIS AND TRANSITION SHELTER, PROPER NUTRITION, AND ADEQUATE SERVICES TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

[(b) The Department of Human Resources shall: