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HOUSE BILL DRH30263-MGa-127A

Short Title: Expand Access to Cold Weather Shelters/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Greenfield.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TEMPORARY
4 EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHEN
5 SEVERE WEATHER IS EXPECTED.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Aging, the sum of one million seven hundred twenty
9 thousand dollars (\$1,720,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium
10 to be used to establish a Cold Weather Shelters Grant Program (Program). The purpose of this
11 Program is to provide grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations to implement or
12 expand programs designed to provide temporary emergency shelters for people experiencing
13 homelessness when severe weather is expected.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Division of Aging shall, in consultation with the Department
15 of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, develop application materials and
16 selection criteria for the Program. The selection criteria shall take into consideration the
17 availability of other funds available to the applicant and the incidence of poverty in the area
18 served by the applicant. The Division of Aging shall make the final decision about awarding
19 grants under this Program, but no single grant award shall exceed two hundred fifteen thousand
20 dollars (\$215,000) for any fiscal year.

21 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Division of Aging may use up to five percent (5%) of the funds
22 appropriated for the Program for each fiscal year to cover administrative costs associated with
23 administering the Program.

24 **SECTION 2.** Annually by April 1, beginning April 1, 2027, the Department of
25 Health and Human Services, Division of Aging, shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative
26 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the
27 use of the funds appropriated by Section 1 of this act during the preceding fiscal year. Except as
28 otherwise provided, each report shall include at least all of the following:

- 29 (1) For the first report due on April 1, 2027, an explanation of the plan developed
30 in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency
31 Management.
32 (2) The total number of grants awarded.
33 (3) The identity and a brief description of each grant recipient and the amount of
34 each grant award.
35 (4) The municipality in which the grant recipient is located and the incidence of
36 poverty in the area served by the grant recipient.



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- 1 (5) An explanation and supporting documentation of how each grant recipient
2 used the grant funds to implement or expand a Cold Weather Shelter program.
3 (6) The number of people served by each Cold Weather Shelter program that
4 benefited from the funds authorized by Section 1 of this act.
5 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.