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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 333**

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**Introduced by Senator Wilk**

**(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Chang, Glazer, and Wiener)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Diep, Flora, Gallagher, Lackey, Mathis,  
*Luz Rivas*, Rodriguez, and Voepel)

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An act to add Section 8258.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homelessness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 333, as amended, Wilk. Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

Existing law establishes various programs, including, among others, the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, to provide assistance to homeless persons. Existing law requires a state agency or department that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, except as specified, to revise or adopt guidelines and regulations to include enumerated Housing First policies. Existing law establishes the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing First guidelines and regulations and, among other things, to identify resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

This bill would require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, by July 1, 2021, to develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in the state, as specified. The bill

would require the council, by January 1, 2021, to implement strategic plans to assist federal Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care lead agencies in better implementing Housing and Urban Development recommended activities and meeting Housing and Urban Development requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8258.5 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 8258.5. In addition to the other duties described in this chapter,  
4 the coordinating council shall do all of the following:

5 (a) By July 1, 2021, develop and implement a statewide strategic  
6 plan for addressing homelessness in the state. This plan shall  
7 include ~~goals and objectives~~ *goals, objectives*, and timelines for  
8 achieving them, and metrics for measuring their achievements.  
9 Included among the goals and objectives shall be the identification  
10 of additional funding sources that state and local agencies can use  
11 to better address homelessness issues in the state.

12 (b) By January 1, 2021, implement strategic plans to assist HUD  
13 Continuum of Care lead agencies to do either or both of the  
14 following:

15 (1) Better implement federal Housing and Urban Development  
16 recommended activities, including conducting annual counts of  
17 the unsheltered homeless population, raising nonfederal funding,  
18 and coordinating with other agencies.

19 (2) Better meet federal Housing and Urban Development  
20 requirements, including implementation of the Homeless  
21 Management Information System (HMIS) and entry systems. The  
22 coordinating council shall include among its considerations the  
23 establishment of a balance of state Continuum of Care areas to  
24 help alleviate the administrative burdens imposed on Continuum  
25 of Care lead agencies, especially in rural areas.