

(4) ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE AREAS OF THE STATE, CONSIDERING UNMET NEEDS AND THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THOSE AREAS;

(5) ESTABLISH A HOUSING COUNSELOR AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM TO ASSIST FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING PERMANENT HOUSING;

(6) ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN A HOUSING CRISIS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

(I) CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES;

(II) COUNSELING TO DETECT HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS;

(III) TRAINING ON BUDGETING AND OTHER LIFE SKILLS;

(IV) EDUCATION ABOUT TENANTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES;
AND

(V) CASH ASSISTANCE;

(7) ESTABLISH UNIFORM REPORTING CRITERIA FOR PROVIDERS OF SERVICES TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES UNDER THIS PART;

(8) COLLECT REGIONAL DATA ON THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THAT RECEIVE SERVICES UNDER THIS PART; AND

(9) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROGRAMS.

(B) REPORTS.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR ON THE EXTENT OF HOMELESSNESS DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM IN PREVENTING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, §§ 133(d)(2) and 137(a)(2), (3), (4), and (5) and (b).

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former phrases "[i]n addition to any other regulations" and "[i]n addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Department described under subsection (a) of this section" are deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to "public and private" nonprofit organizations is deleted as surplusage.