

SENATE No. 2831

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

SENATE, December 11, 2025.

The committee on Housing to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 991) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to create a interagency supportive housing finance and strategy board to end and prevent homelessness, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2831).

For the committee,
Julian Cyr

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An Act increasing access to supportive housing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 121H of the General Laws, as established in section 44
2 of chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- “The
3 executive office may expend funds to support efforts by the interagency housing and
4 homelessness external advisory council to create and expand supportive housing units.”

5 SECTION 2. (a) A working group of the interagency housing and homelessness external
6 advisory council shall be established and charged with examining and preparing report on the
7 following objectives: (1) development of strategic and financial plans to guide the
8 commonwealth’s creation of a pipeline of supportive housing and to increase supportive housing
9 units by at least 2000 units; (2) identification of opportunities to combine resources from state
10 agencies and the supportive housing pool fund under chapter 121H; (3) best practices to identify
11 and prioritize households experiencing chronic homelessness or with complex needs that prevent
12 them from maintaining housing independently; (4) ensuring regional coordination with local
13 homelessness system Continuums of Care to align and match housing and services, including
14 geographically equitable access options; (5) personnel resources and other infrastructure needed

to sufficiently staff access and coordination; (6) identification of Medicaid housing benefits and service options that may be leveraged for case management services and housing stability supports services; (8) strategies to develop child care subsidies and supports, behavioral health and other vital services to support families experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness; (9) increasing access to medicaid housing benefits and community-based behavioral health services for families living in supportive housing units; and (10) a potential action plan to coordinate the procurement and availability of community-based supportive services, capital subsidies and operating subsidies for new and existing housing available to residents with very low and extremely low-incomes, as those terms are defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 24 C.F.R. § 5.603.

(b) The working group shall consist of at least 8 members, including the secretary of the executive office of housing and livable communities or designee, who shall serve as chair, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services or designee, the commissioner of the department of mental health or designee, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing or their designees, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities or their designees; and 1 representative from the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance. The chair may appoint additional members to provide the expertise needed to fulfil the duties under subsection a.

(c) The report under subsection a shall be submitted to the clerks of the house of representatives, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities no later than December 31, 2027.