

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ~ BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.1519

Name: An Act relative to housing service coordinators

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin Honan (18th Middlesex)

Hearing Date: July 23, 2025

Prior History: Refile; 2023-24: Received a favorable from the Joint Committee on Housing

Reporting Deadline: September 21, 2025

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CURRENT LAW: *M.G.L. c. 121B § 38 — Housing for the Elderly and the Handicap*

PROPOSED CHANGE:

This bill would establish a program for housing service coordinators to assist residents of privately owned state and federally assisted housing to reduce evictions, increase housing stability, and coordinate residents' access to opportunities for education, job training, and other services that may increase economic self-sufficiency.

EOHLC would train and certify agencies eligible to provide housing service coordinators and shall develop standard outcome measures by which work shall be assessed.

Property owners who participate in this program shall not file a summary process action for eviction of any subsidized tenant unless the owner certifies on a form approved by the department that the tenant was provided the opportunity to meet with the housing service coordinator a minimum of thirty days before the summary process filing unless problems warranting eviction constitute an immediate threat to the health or safety of any persons at the development, including without limitation residents or staff.