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HOMELESSNESS

SB 678 – Unaccompanied Women Experiencing Homelessness Act of 2021-

Roughly one in four women experiencing homelessness in the United States live in California. Additionally, unaccompanied women experience longer spells of homelessness. This bill would require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to formally recognize the unique needs of unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness and, to the extent funding is made available, improve research, early intervention support services, and lower barriers to housing, and health resources for these women.

Status: This bill has been ordered for a 3rd reading.

AB-816 STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES: HOMELESSNESS PLAN- Current law requires the Governor to create the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and to appoint up to 19 members of that council. Current law specifies the duties of the coordinating council, including creating partnerships among state agencies and departments, local government agencies and specified federal agencies and private entities, for the purpose of arriving at specific strategies to end homelessness. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature or upon receiving technical assistance offered by the Federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, would require the coordinating council to conduct or contract with an entity to conduct a statewide needs and gaps analysis to among other things, identify state programs that provide housing or services to persons experiencing homelessness and create a financial model that will assess certain investment needs for the purpose of moving persons experiencing homelessness into permanent housing.

[AB 108](#) – Governor’s emergency orders: approval by Legislature-The California Emergency Services Act (CESA) authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency suspending existing statutes, orders or rules during such emergency. Orders issued or Recissions of Orders made during such emergency take effect immediately. This bill would permit an Order issued pursuant to CESA to take effect ONLY IF APPROVED BY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE thereby limiting the Governor’s power to act.
Status: Languishing in the Assembly Emergency Management Committee.

EMPLOYMENT

[AB 1179](#)- Employer provided benefit: backup childcare. This bill would require an employer to provide an employee, on or after January 1, 2022, who works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment, with up to 60 hours of paid backup childcare benefits, to be accrued and used as provided. This bill would apply to employers with 1,000 or more employees, the state, political subdivisions of the state, and municipalities, including charter cities.
Status: In the Appropriations Committee. A May 20 hearing was canceled.

UPDATE

[SB 9](#)- Housing - This bill would change planning and zoning law. Would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units within a single-family residential lot/zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing.

Status: This bill is set for a 3rd reading this week.

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