

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) unsheltered homelessness be eliminated in Vermont and interim housing opportunities be available to provide a stable pathway to permanent housing for all Vermonters experiencing homelessness;

(2) arbitrary time limits, night-by-night shelter, relocation between interim housing sites and other disruptions in housing stability be eliminated;

(3) non-congregate housing be used to the greatest extent possible;

(4) Vermont's emergency housing statutes, rules, policies, and practices incorporate Housing First principles, trauma-informed practices, and emerging best practices, including:

(A) immediate access to shelter without housing readiness requirements; and

(B) voluntary supportive services designed to support housing stability; and

(5) increase the supply of interim housing that is geographically and physically accessible to individuals with a disability and that addresses the range of needs among individuals with a disability.