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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Boutin of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; general assistance; emergency housing; municipal  
government; municipal services; appropriation

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a  
municipal emergency shelter program that authorizes municipalities to offer  
emergency shelter, provided that the shelter meets all requirements for disaster  
or emergency response housing. This bill also proposes to reimburse  
municipalities for the actual cost of the shelter, for municipal services to  
individuals participating in the program, and for any additional staff needed to  
operate the program. This bill proposes to appropriate monies in fiscal year  
2027 to the Department for Children and Families for purposes of the  
municipal emergency shelter program. This bill also proposes to appropriate  
\$1,000,000.00 from the PILOT Special Fund to the Department for Children  
and Families to provide pro rata reimbursement to municipalities for public  
safety, fire, mental health, and emergency or other medical services for  
individuals transitioned into the municipal emergency housing program. This  
bill proposes to require the Department for Children and Families, on January

1 15, 2027, to expend any unexpended fiscal year 2027 emergency shelter  
2 program funds on grants to flood-prone and -impacted communities for  
3 purposes of improving existing housing to be flood-resilient and developing  
4 entry-level family housing. This bill also proposes to define “entry-level  
5 family housing” to mean residential housing between 400 to 1,000 square feet  
6 in size with not more than two bedrooms, which is designed to accommodate  
7 expansion as needed by the residents.

8 An act relating to creating the municipal emergency shelter program and  
9 reimbursing municipal corporations for costs associated with emergency  
10 housing programs

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)