



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5235***

LCO No. 1383



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN AND COORDINATED RESPONSE TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON PROPERTY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of  
2 Transportation, in consultation with the interagency council on  
3 homelessness established pursuant to section 8-37vvv of the general  
4 statutes, municipalities, local housing authorities and organizations that  
5 provide programs for emergency shelter services, transitional housing  
6 services or on-site social services, shall develop a plan to respond to,  
7 manage and deter temporary encampments by persons experiencing  
8 homelessness upon any state highway right-of-way or real property  
9 owned by the state and in the custody and control of the Department of  
10 Transportation. Such plan shall, at a minimum, (1) establish procedures  
11 for outreach and engagement by trained personnel that ensure respect  
12 for the personal dignity and property of persons experiencing  
13 homelessness, (2) require reasonable efforts to offer immediate  
14 assistance and support for emergency shelters to such persons, and (3)  
15 provide for coordination with the municipality where the temporary

16 encampment is located, community-based organizations serving  
17 persons experiencing homelessness, local housing authorities, other  
18 local service providers and the local law enforcement agency, as  
19 appropriate, prior to actions by the department to respond to such  
20 temporary encampment. Not later than January 15, 2027, the  
21 commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section  
22 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the  
23 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
24 transportation a copy of such plan and any recommendations for  
25 legislation necessary to implement such plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Transportation to develop a plan to respond to temporary encampments by persons experiencing homelessness on any state highway right-of-way or real property in the custody of the Department of Transportation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*