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1 AN ACT Relating to the homelessness point-in-time count; and
2 amending RCW 43.185C.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.030 and 2018 c 85 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall ~~((annually))~~ conduct a Washington
7 homeless census or count consistent with ~~((the requirements of RCW
8 43.185C.180))~~ the United States department of housing and urban
9 development's annual notice informing housing inventory count and
10 point-in-time count data collection. The census shall make every
11 effort to count ~~((all homeless individuals living outdoors, in
12 shelters, and in transitional housing, coordinated, when reasonably
13 feasible, with already existing homeless census projects including
14 those funded in part by the United States department of housing and
15 urban development under the McKinney-Vento homeless assistance
16 program))~~ persons experiencing homelessness as defined by the annual
17 notice. The department shall determine, in consultation with local
18 governments, the data to be collected. ~~((Data on subpopulations and
19 other characteristics of the homeless))~~ Such data must, at a minimum,
20 be consistent with the United States department of housing and urban

1 development's ~~((point-in-time requirements))~~ annual notice and the
2 requirements of RCW 43.185C.180.

3 (2) All personal information collected in the census is
4 confidential, and the department and each local government shall take
5 all necessary steps to protect the identity and confidentiality of
6 each person counted.

7 (3) The department and each local government are prohibited from
8 disclosing any personally identifying information about any homeless
9 individual when there is reason to believe or evidence indicating
10 that the homeless individual is an adult or minor victim of domestic
11 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or is the
12 parent or guardian of a child victim of domestic violence, dating
13 violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or revealing other
14 confidential information regarding HIV/AIDS status, as found in RCW
15 70.02.220. The department and each local government shall not ask any
16 homeless housing provider to disclose personally identifying
17 information about any homeless individuals when the providers
18 implementing those programs have reason to believe or evidence
19 indicating that those clients are adult or minor victims of domestic
20 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or are the
21 parents or guardians of child victims of domestic violence, dating
22 violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Summary data for the
23 provider's facility or program may be substituted.

24 (4) The Washington homeless census shall be conducted
25 ~~((annually))~~ on a schedule created by the department. The department
26 shall make summary data by county available to the public each year.
27 This data, and its analysis, shall be included in the department's
28 annual updated homeless housing program strategic plan.

29 ~~((5) Based on the annual census and provider information from~~
30 ~~the local government plans, the department shall, by the end of year~~
31 ~~four, implement an online information and referral system to enable~~
32 ~~local governments and providers to identify available housing for a~~
33 ~~homeless person. The department shall work with local governments and~~
34 ~~their providers to develop a capacity for continuous case management~~
35 ~~to assist homeless persons.~~

36 ~~(6) By the end of year four, the department shall implement an~~
37 ~~organizational quality management system.))~~

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