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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 705)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 25, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing drug-free homeless service zones, and
2 providing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **716.15 Drug-free homeless service**
2 **zones.**

3 1. A person commits a violation of this section if the person
4 intentionally or knowingly does any of the following:

5 a. The person is present within a drug-free homeless service
6 zone and unlawfully sells or transfers or attempts to unlawfully
7 sell or transfer a controlled substance.

8 b. The person operates or has authority to enforce the
9 policies and requirements of a facility-based drug-free homeless
10 service zone that primarily serves homeless individuals and that
11 receives state, local, or federal funding, and the person allows
12 an individual accessing services to unlawfully possess or use a
13 controlled substance on the premises of the facility.

14 2. An offense under subsection 1, paragraph "a", is
15 punishable as the same class of criminal violation for which
16 the offense would be punishable under existing law had the
17 violation not occurred within a drug-free homeless service zone,
18 except that the presumptive, minimum, and maximum sentence for
19 the offense shall be increased by one year. The additional
20 sentence imposed under this subsection is in addition to any
21 enhanced punishment that may be applicable under subsection 4.
22 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a person convicted
23 under this section is not eligible for a deferred judgment, a
24 deferred or suspended sentence, probation, or work release.

25 3. A person who is convicted of a violation of subsection 1,
26 paragraph "b", is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

27 4. An operator of a facility-based drug-free homeless service
28 zone who violates subsection 1, paragraph "b", is ineligible to
29 apply for homelessness assistance grants from the state for a
30 period of three years from the date of conviction unless the
31 operator terminates the employment of any employee or volunteer
32 who commits a violation of subsection 1, paragraph "b".

33 5. In addition to any other penalty, a person convicted of an
34 offense under this title shall be punished by a fine of not less
35 than two thousand dollars or three times the value as determined

1 by the court of the drugs involved in or giving rise to the
2 offense, whichever is greater. No fine under this subsection
3 shall be suspended, in part or whole, for any reason.

4 6. a. Each operator of a facility-based service that
5 primarily serve homeless individuals shall place and maintain
6 permanently affixed signs located in a conspicuous manner clearly
7 visible to the public at the main entrance of the facility
8 that identifies the building and its accompanying grounds as a
9 drug-free homeless service zone. Such signs shall be written
10 in both English and Spanish and in contrasting colors with block
11 letters at least one inch in height.

12 b. If the facility-based service provides shelter or housing
13 for children or victims of domestic violence that may be
14 endangered if the purpose or location of the facility became
15 known, at least one sign shall be permanently affixed in a
16 visible manner inside the building within five feet of the
17 main entrance of the facility that identifies the building and
18 its accompanying grounds as a drug-free homeless service zone.
19 Such signs shall be written in both English and Spanish and
20 in contrasting colors with block letters at least one inch in
21 height.

22 7. For the purposes of this section:

23 a. "*Drug-free homeless service zone*" means the area within
24 three hundred feet of the premises of a facility-based service.

25 b. "*Facility-based service*" means any emergency or temporary
26 shelter, transitional housing provider, or operator-owned
27 permanent supportive housing entity that receives government
28 funding for the purpose of providing shelter to homeless persons.

29 c. "*Operator*" means the sole proprietorship, organization,
30 association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited
31 partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability
32 company, or other entity or business association that is the
33 direct recipient of government funding for the provision of
34 facility-based services.