

(d) Before October 1, 2016, the committee shall conduct a needs assessment or contract with another state agency or private entity to conduct a needs assessment that:

- (i) identifies desired statewide outcomes related to minimizing homelessness;
- (ii) reviews technology used for data gathering by state, county and local governments and private organizations for reporting information about, and providing service to, homeless individuals in the state, including an evaluation of:
  - (A) the functionality of existing databases;
  - (B) the ability to expand and tailor existing databases to better serve the needs of homeless individuals; and
  - (C) the ability of the technology to ensure proper privacy restrictions and sharing between reporting entities, including those addressing domestic violence, as allowed by federal privacy regulations;
- (iii) identifies gaps between the data described in Subsection (1)(d)(i) and the data needed to implement best practices in minimizing homelessness and achieve the outcomes identified in accordance with this Subsection (1)(d);
- (iv) evaluates the technical capacity of existing databases and information technology systems used to gather and report data related to homelessness and identifies improvements needed to better serve the homeless population and meet the needs of all stakeholders;
- (v) identifies opportunities to align data gathering and reporting related to homelessness with state efforts to reduce intergenerational poverty, incarceration, and recidivism rates; and
- (vi) makes recommendations regarding the needed improvements related to this Subsection (1)(d) and outlines steps for implementing the recommendations.

(e) Before October 1, 2016, the committee shall report to the department the findings and recommendations of the needs assessment described in Subsection (1)(d) for inclusion in the annual written report described in Section 35A-1-109.