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This is one of the worst proposals I've ever seen. We cannot allow mental ill and/or drug addicted individuals to have free reign over public spaces if we are able to create shelter space for them instead. Once shelter space is created (including mass encampments) we should be able to legally force people into those spaces or have them arrested. Having mentally ill folks high on fentanyl/meth/heroin/alcohol/etc in the same area where children play is completely unacceptable. I would venture that well over 60% of the state's voting population feel this way. Prove me wrong, put it to a vote on a state-wide ballot. We must stop the enablement. Bills like this one are truly going to destroy our largest cities and it will be nearly impossible to reverse course. It's almost as if there are ulterior motives from backers of this bill. Those who get paid within the homeless industry complex we have created stand to benefit the most. The actual homeless as well as tax paying citizens will not benefit from this. Homeless will continue to live in squalor and die from freezing, heat exhaustion, drug overdoses and violence and the taxpayers will continue to move out of our urban cores, further worsening our inner city public schools, tax collection base and taking their businesses and subsequent employment with them. This bill continues us down the same, terrible path. Again, put it to a statewide vote and see how it plays out.