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AN ACT

To provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Missing, Exploited,
5 and Runaway Children Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED**
2 **CHILDREN.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 402 of the Missing Chil-
4 dren’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5771) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(9) for 14 years, the National Center for Miss-
11 ing and Exploited Children has—

12 “(A) served as the national resource center
13 and clearinghouse congressionally mandated
14 under the provisions of the Missing Children’s
15 Assistance Act of 1984; and

16 “(B) worked in partnership with the De-
17 partment of Justice, the Federal Bureau of In-
18 vestigation, the Department of the Treasury,
19 the Department of State, and many other agen-
20 cies in the effort to find missing children and
21 prevent child victimization;

22 “(10) Congress has given the Center, which is
23 a private non-profit corporation, access to the Na-
24 tional Crime Information Center of the Federal Bu-
25 reau of Investigation, and the National Law En-
26 forcement Telecommunications System;

1 “(11) since 1987, the Center has operated the
2 National Child Pornography Tipline, in conjunction
3 with the United States Customs Service and the
4 United States Postal Inspection Service and, begin-
5 ning this year, the Center established a new
6 CyberTipline on child exploitation, thus becoming
7 ‘the 911 for the Internet’;

8 “(12) in light of statistics that time is of the es-
9 sence in cases of child abduction, the Director of the
10 Federal Bureau of Investigation in February of
11 1997 created a new NCIC child abduction (‘CA’)
12 flag to provide the Center immediate notification in
13 the most serious cases, resulting in 642 ‘CA’ notifi-
14 cations to the Center and helping the Center to have
15 its highest recovery rate in history;

16 “(13) the Center has established a national and
17 increasingly worldwide network, linking the Center
18 online with each of the missing children clearing-
19 houses operated by the 50 States, the District of Co-
20 lumbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as with Scotland
21 Yard in the United Kingdom, the Royal Canadian
22 Mounted Police, INTERPOL headquarters in Lyon,
23 France, and others, which has enabled the Center to
24 transmit images and information regarding missing

1 children to law enforcement across the United States
2 and around the world instantly;

3 “(14) from its inception in 1984 through March
4 31, 1998, the Center has—

5 “(A) handled 1,203,974 calls through its
6 24-hour toll-free hotline (1-800-THE-LOST)
7 and currently averages 700 calls per day;

8 “(B) trained 146,284 law enforcement,
9 criminal and juvenile justice, and healthcare
10 professionals in child sexual exploitation and
11 missing child case detection, identification, in-
12 vestigation, and prevention;

13 “(C) disseminated 15,491,344 free publica-
14 tions to citizens and professionals; and

15 “(D) worked with law enforcement on the
16 cases of 59,481 missing children, resulting in
17 the recovery of 40,180 children;

18 “(15) the demand for the services of the Center
19 is growing dramatically, as evidenced by the fact
20 that in 1997, the Center handled 129,100 calls, an
21 all-time record, and by the fact that its new Internet
22 website (www.missingkids.com) receives 1,500,000
23 ‘hits’ every day, and is linked with hundreds of other
24 websites to provide real-time images of breaking
25 cases of missing children;

1 “(16) in 1997, the Center provided policy train-
2 ing to 256 police chiefs and sheriffs from 50 States
3 and Guam at its new Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement
4 Training Center;

5 “(17) the programs of the Center have had a
6 remarkable impact, such as in the fight against in-
7 fant abductions in partnership with the healthcare
8 industry, during which the Center has performed
9 668 onsite hospital walk-throughs and inspections,
10 and trained 45,065 hospital administrators, nurses,
11 and security personnel, and thereby helped to reduce
12 infant abductions in the United States by 82 per-
13 cent;

14 “(18) the Center is now playing a significant
15 role in international child abduction cases, serving as
16 a representative of the Department of State at cases
17 under The Hague Convention, and successfully re-
18 solving the cases of 343 international child abduc-
19 tions, and providing greater support to parents in
20 the United States;

21 “(19) the Center is a model of public/private
22 partnership, raising private sector funds to match
23 congressional appropriations and receiving extensive
24 private in-kind support, including advanced tech-
25 nology provided by the computer industry such as

1 imaging technology used to age the photographs of
2 long-term missing children and to reconstruct facial
3 images of unidentified deceased children;

4 “(20) the Center was 1 of only 10 of 300 major
5 national charities given an A+ grade in 1997 by the
6 American Institute of Philanthropy; and

7 “(21) the Center has been redesignated as the
8 Nation’s missing children clearinghouse and resource
9 center once every 3 years through a competitive se-
10 lection process conducted by the Office of Juvenile
11 Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the Depart-
12 ment of Justice, and has received grants from that
13 Office to conduct the crucial purposes of the Cen-
14 ter.”.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 403 of the Missing Chil-
16 dren’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5772) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
18 end;

19 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
20 the end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(3) the term ‘Center’ means the National Cen-
23 ter for Missing and Exploited Children.”.

1 (c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINIS-
2 TRATOR.—Section 404 of the Missing Children’s Assist-
3 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5773) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
5 section (d); and

6 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(b) ANNUAL GRANT TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR
9 MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
11 annually make a grant to the Center, which shall be
12 used to—

13 “(A)(i) operate a national 24-hour toll-free
14 telephone line by which individuals may report
15 information regarding the location of any miss-
16 ing child, or other child 13 years of age or
17 younger whose whereabouts are unknown to
18 such child’s legal custodian, and request infor-
19 mation pertaining to procedures necessary to
20 reunite such child with such child’s legal custo-
21 dian; and

22 “(ii) coordinate the operation of such tele-
23 phone line with the operation of the national
24 communications system referred to in part C of

1 the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42
2 U.S.C. 5714–11);

3 “(B) operate the official national resource
4 center and information clearinghouse for miss-
5 ing and exploited children;

6 “(C) provide to State and local govern-
7 ments, public and private nonprofit agencies,
8 and individuals, information regarding—

9 “(i) free or low-cost legal, restaurant,
10 lodging, and transportation services that
11 are available for the benefit of missing and
12 exploited children and their families; and

13 “(ii) the existence and nature of pro-
14 grams being carried out by Federal agen-
15 cies to assist missing and exploited chil-
16 dren and their families;

17 “(D) coordinate public and private pro-
18 grams that locate, recover, or reunite missing
19 children with their families;

20 “(E) disseminate, on a national basis, in-
21 formation relating to innovative and model pro-
22 grams, services, and legislation that benefit
23 missing and exploited children;

24 “(F) provide technical assistance and
25 training to law enforcement agencies, State and

1 local governments, elements of the criminal jus-
2 tice system, public and private nonprofit agen-
3 cies, and individuals in the prevention, inves-
4 tigation, prosecution, and treatment of cases in-
5 volving missing and exploited children; and

6 “(G) provide assistance to families and law
7 enforcement agencies in locating and recovering
8 missing and exploited children, both nationally
9 and internationally.

10 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-
12 ministrator to carry out this subsection,
13 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001,
14 2002, 2003, and 2004.

15 “(c) NATIONAL INCIDENCE STUDIES.—The Adminis-
16 trator, either by making grants to or entering into con-
17 tracts with public agencies or nonprofit private agencies,
18 shall—

19 “(1) periodically conduct national incidence
20 studies to determine for a given year the actual
21 number of children reported missing each year, the
22 number of children who are victims of abduction by
23 strangers, the number of children who are the vic-
24 tims of parental kidnappings, and the number of chil-
25 dren who are recovered each year; and

1 “(2) provide to State and local governments,
2 public and private nonprofit agencies, and individ-
3 uals information to facilitate the lawful use of school
4 records and birth certificates to identify and locate
5 missing children.”.

6 (d) NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EX-
7 PLOITED CHILDREN.—Section 405(a) of the Missing Chil-
8 dren’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5775(a)) is amended by
9 inserting “the Center and with” before “public agencies”.

10 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
11 408 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
12 5777) is amended by striking “1997 through 2001” and
13 inserting “2000 through 2004”.

14 **SEC. 3. RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH.**

15 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 302 of the Runaway and
16 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “accurate re-
18 porting of the problem nationally and to develop”
19 and inserting “an accurate national reporting system
20 to report the problem, and to assist in the develop-
21 ment of”; and

22 (2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(8) services for runaway and homeless youth
25 are needed in urban, suburban, and rural areas;”.

1 (b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS FOR CENTERS
2 AND SERVICES.—Section 311 of the Runaway and Home-
3 less Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5711) is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(a) GRANTS FOR CENTERS AND SERVICES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make
8 grants to public and nonprofit private entities (and
9 combinations of such entities) to establish and oper-
10 ate (including renovation) local centers to provide
11 services for runaway and homeless youth and for the
12 families of such youth.

13 “(2) SERVICES PROVIDED.—Services provided
14 under paragraph (1)—

15 “(A) shall be provided as an alternative to
16 involving runaway and homeless youth in the
17 law enforcement, child welfare, mental health,
18 and juvenile justice systems;

19 “(B) shall include—

20 “(i) safe and appropriate shelter; and

21 “(ii) individual, family, and group
22 counseling, as appropriate; and

23 “(C) may include—

24 “(i) street-based services;

1 “(ii) home-based services for families
2 with youth at risk of separation from the
3 family; and

4 “(iii) drug abuse education and pre-
5 vention services.”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “the Trust
7 Territory of the Pacific Islands,”; and

8 (3) by striking subsections (c) and (d).

9 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 312 of the Runaway and
10 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5712) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “para-
13 graph (6)” and inserting “paragraph (7)”;

14 (B) in paragraph (10), by striking “and”
15 at the end;

16 (C) in paragraph (11), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting “; and”;

18 (D) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(12) shall submit to the Secretary an annual
20 report that includes, with respect to the year for
21 which the report is submitted—

22 “(A) information regarding the activities
23 carried out under this part;

24 “(B) the achievements of the project under
25 this part carried out by the applicant; and

1 “(C) statistical summaries describing—

2 “(i) the number and the characteris-
3 ties of the runaway and homeless youth,
4 and youth at risk of family separation, who
5 participate in the project; and

6 “(ii) the services provided to such
7 youth by the project.”; and

8 (2) by striking subsections (c) and (d) and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(c) APPLICANTS PROVIDING STREET-BASED SERV-
11 ICES.—To be eligible to use assistance under section
12 311(a)(2)(C)(i) to provide street-based services, the appli-
13 cant shall include in the plan required by subsection (b)
14 assurances that in providing such services the applicant
15 will—

16 “(1) provide qualified supervision of staff, in-
17 cluding on-street supervision by appropriately
18 trained staff;

19 “(2) provide backup personnel for on-street
20 staff;

21 “(3) provide initial and periodic training of
22 staff who provide such services; and

23 “(4) conduct outreach activities for runaway
24 and homeless youth, and street youth.

1 “(d) APPLICANTS PROVIDING HOME-BASED SERV-
2 ICES.—To be eligible to use assistance under section
3 311(a) to provide home-based services described in section
4 311(a)(2)(C)(ii), an applicant shall include in the plan re-
5 quired by subsection (b) assurances that in providing such
6 services the applicant will—

7 “(1) provide counseling and information to
8 youth and the families (including unrelated individ-
9 uals in the family households) of such youth, includ-
10 ing services relating to basic life skills, interpersonal
11 skill building, educational advancement, job attain-
12 ment skills, mental and physical health care, par-
13 enting skills, financial planning, and referral to
14 sources of other needed services;

15 “(2) provide directly, or through an arrange-
16 ment made by the applicant, 24-hour service to re-
17 spond to family crises (including immediate access to
18 temporary shelter for runaway and homeless youth,
19 and youth at risk of separation from the family);

20 “(3) establish, in partnership with the families
21 of runaway and homeless youth, and youth at risk
22 of separation from the family, objectives and meas-
23 ures of success to be achieved as a result of receiv-
24 ing home-based services;

1 “(4) provide initial and periodic training of
2 staff who provide home-based services; and

3 “(5) ensure that—

4 “(A) caseloads will remain sufficiently low
5 to allow for intensive (5 to 20 hours per week)
6 involvement with each family receiving such
7 services; and

8 “(B) staff providing such services will re-
9 ceive qualified supervision.

10 “(e) APPLICANTS PROVIDING DRUG ABUSE EDU-
11 CATION AND PREVENTION SERVICES.—To be eligible to
12 use assistance under section 311(a)(2)(C)(iii) to provide
13 drug abuse education and prevention services, an appli-
14 cant shall include in the plan required by subsection (b)—

15 “(1) a description of—

16 “(A) the types of such services that the ap-
17 plicant proposes to provide;

18 “(B) the objectives of such services; and

19 “(C) the types of information and training
20 to be provided to individuals providing such
21 services to runaway and homeless youth; and

22 “(2) an assurance that in providing such serv-
23 ices the applicant shall conduct outreach activities
24 for runaway and homeless youth.”.

1 (d) APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS.—Section 313 of
2 the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5713)
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 313. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An application by a public or
6 private entity for a grant under section 311(a) may be
7 approved by the Secretary after taking into consideration,
8 with respect to the State in which such entity proposes
9 to provide services under this part—

10 “(1) the geographical distribution in such State
11 of the proposed services under this part for which all
12 grant applicants request approval; and

13 “(2) which areas of such State have the great-
14 est need for such services.

15 “(b) PRIORITY.—In selecting applications for grants
16 under section 311(a), the Secretary shall give priority to—

17 “(1) eligible applicants who have demonstrated
18 experience in providing services to runaway and
19 homeless youth; and

20 “(2) eligible applicants that request grants of
21 less than \$200,000.”.

22 (e) AUTHORITY FOR TRANSITIONAL LIVING GRANT
23 PROGRAM.—Section 321 of the Runaway and Homeless
24 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–1) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “PUR-
2 POSE AND”;

3 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “(a)”; and

4 (3) by striking subsection (b).

5 (f) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 322(a)(9) of the Runaway
6 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2(a)(9)) is
7 amended by inserting “, and the services provided to such
8 youth by such project,” after “such project”.

9 (g) COORDINATION.—Section 341 of the Runaway
10 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–21) is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 **“SEC. 341. COORDINATION.**

13 “With respect to matters relating to the health, edu-
14 cation, employment, and housing of runaway and homeless
15 youth, the Secretary—

16 “(1) in conjunction with the Attorney General,
17 shall coordinate the activities of agencies of the De-
18 partment of Health and Human Services with activi-
19 ties under any other Federal juvenile crime control,
20 prevention, and juvenile offender accountability pro-
21 gram and with the activities of other Federal enti-
22 ties; and

23 “(2) shall coordinate the activities of agencies
24 of the Department of Health and Human Services
25 with the activities of other Federal entities and with

1 the activities of entities that are eligible to receive
2 grants under this title.”.

3 (h) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS FOR RESEARCH,
4 EVALUATION, DEMONSTRATION, AND SERVICE
5 PROJECTS.—Section 343 of the Runaway and Homeless
6 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–23) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “EVAL-
8 UATION,” after “RESEARCH,”;

9 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “evaluation,”
10 after “research,”; and

11 (3) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

13 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
14 through (10) as paragraphs (2) through (9), re-
15 spectively.

16 (i) ASSISTANCE TO POTENTIAL GRANTEES.—Section
17 371 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.
18 5714a) is amended by striking the last sentence.

19 (j) REPORTS.—Section 381 of the Runaway and
20 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5715) is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 **“SEC. 381. REPORTS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2000,
24 and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall submit, to
25 the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the

1 House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judi-
2 ciary of the Senate, a report on the status, activities, and
3 accomplishments of entities that receive grants under
4 parts A, B, C, D, and E, with particular attention to—

5 “(1) in the case of centers funded under part
6 A, the ability or effectiveness of such centers in—

7 “(A) alleviating the problems of runaway
8 and homeless youth;

9 “(B) if applicable or appropriate, reuniting
10 such youth with their families and encouraging
11 the resolution of intrafamily problems through
12 counseling and other services;

13 “(C) strengthening family relationships
14 and encouraging stable living conditions for
15 such youth; and

16 “(D) assisting such youth to decide upon a
17 future course of action; and

18 “(2) in the case of projects funded under part
19 B—

20 “(A) the number and characteristics of
21 homeless youth served by such projects;

22 “(B) the types of activities carried out by
23 such projects;

24 “(C) the effectiveness of such projects in
25 alleviating the problems of homeless youth;

1 “(D) the effectiveness of such projects in
2 preparing homeless youth for self-sufficiency;

3 “(E) the effectiveness of such projects in
4 assisting homeless youth to decide upon future
5 education, employment, and independent living;

6 “(F) the ability of such projects to encour-
7 age the resolution of intrafamily problems
8 through counseling and development of self-suf-
9 ficient living skills; and

10 “(G) activities and programs planned by
11 such projects for the following fiscal year.

12 “(b) CONTENTS OF REPORTS.—The Secretary shall
13 include in each report submitted under subsection (a),
14 summaries of—

15 “(1) the evaluations performed by the Secretary
16 under section 386; and

17 “(2) descriptions of the qualifications of, and
18 training provided to, individuals involved in carrying
19 out such evaluations.”.

20 (k) EVALUATION.—Section 384 of the Runaway and
21 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732) is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 **“SEC. 386. EVALUATION AND INFORMATION.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a grantee receives grants for
25 3 consecutive fiscal years under part A, B, C, D, or E

1 (in the alternative), then the Secretary shall evaluate such
2 grantee on-site, not less frequently than once in the period
3 of such 3 consecutive fiscal years, for purposes of—

4 “(1) determining whether such grants are being
5 used for the purposes for which such grants are
6 made by the Secretary;

7 “(2) collecting additional information for the re-
8 port required by section 383; and

9 “(3) providing such information and assistance
10 to such grantee as will enable such grantee to im-
11 prove the operation of the centers, projects, and ac-
12 tivities for which such grants are made.

13 “(b) COOPERATION.—Recipients of grants under this
14 title shall cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to carry
15 out evaluations, and to collect information, under this
16 title.”.

17 (l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
18 385 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.
19 5751) is amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 388. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

22 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
23 be appropriated to carry out this title (other than
24 part E) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
25 years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

1 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

2 “(A) PARTS A AND B.—From the amount
3 appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
4 year, the Secretary shall reserve not less than
5 90 percent to carry out parts A and B.

6 “(B) PART B.—Of the amount reserved
7 under subparagraph (A), not less than 20 per-
8 cent, and not more than 30 percent, shall be re-
9 served to carry out part B.

10 “(3) PARTS C AND D.—In each fiscal year,
11 after reserving the amounts required by paragraph
12 (2), the Secretary shall use the remaining amount
13 (if any) to carry out parts C and D.

14 “(b) SEPARATE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.—No
15 funds appropriated to carry out this title may be combined
16 with funds appropriated under any other Act if the pur-
17 pose of combining such funds is to make a single discre-
18 tionary grant, or a single discretionary payment, unless
19 such funds are separately identified in all grants and con-
20 tracts and are used for the purposes specified in this
21 title.”.

22 (m) SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.—

23 (1) AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM.—The Runaway
24 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.)
25 is amended—

- 1 (A) by striking the heading for part F;
2 (B) by redesignating part E as part F; and
3 (C) by inserting after part D the following:

4 **“PART E—SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION**
5 **PROGRAM**

6 **“SEC. 351. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
8 to nonprofit private agencies for the purpose of providing
9 street-based services to runaway and homeless, and street
10 youth, who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being
11 subjected to, sexual abuse, prostitution, or sexual exploi-
12 tation.

13 “(b) PRIORITY.—In selecting applicants to receive
14 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pri-
15 ority to nonprofit private agencies that have experience in
16 providing services to runaway and homeless, and street
17 youth.”.

18 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
19 Section 388(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 5751), as amended by subsection (1)
21 of this section, is amended by adding at the end the
22 following:

23 “(4) PART E.—There is authorized to be appro-
24 priated to carry out part E such sums as may be necessary
25 for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.”.

1 (n) DEFINITIONS.—The Runaway and Homeless
2 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) is amended by insert-
3 ing after section 386, as amended by subsection (k) of this
4 section, the following:

5 **“SEC. 387. DEFINITIONS.**

6 “In this title:

7 “(1) DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVEN-
8 TION SERVICES.—The term ‘drug abuse education
9 and prevention services’—

10 “(A) means services to runaway and home-
11 less youth to prevent or reduce the illicit use of
12 drugs by such youth; and

13 “(B) may include—

14 “(i) individual, family, group, and
15 peer counseling;

16 “(ii) drop-in services;

17 “(iii) assistance to runaway and
18 homeless youth in rural areas (including
19 the development of community support
20 groups);

21 “(iv) information and training relating
22 to the illicit use of drugs by runaway and
23 homeless youth, to individuals involved in
24 providing services to such youth; and

1 “(v) activities to improve the avail-
2 ability of local drug abuse prevention serv-
3 ices to runaway and homeless youth.

4 “(2) HOME-BASED SERVICES.—The term
5 ‘home-based services’—

6 “(A) means services provided to youth and
7 their families for the purpose of—

8 “(i) preventing such youth from run-
9 ning away, or otherwise becoming sepa-
10 rated, from their families; and

11 “(ii) assisting runaway youth to re-
12 turn to their families; and

13 “(B) includes services that are provided in
14 the residences of families (to the extent prac-
15 ticable), including—

16 “(i) intensive individual and family
17 counseling; and

18 “(ii) training relating to life skills and
19 parenting.

20 “(3) HOMELESS YOUTH.—The term ‘homeless
21 youth’ means an individual—

22 “(A) who is—

23 “(i) not more than 21 years of age;
24 and

1 “(ii) for the purposes of part B, not
2 less than 16 years of age;

3 “(B) for whom it is not possible to live in
4 a safe environment with a relative; and

5 “(C) who has no other safe alternative liv-
6 ing arrangement.

7 “(4) STREET-BASED SERVICES.—The term
8 ‘street-based services’—

9 “(A) means services provided to runaway
10 and homeless youth, and street youth, in areas
11 where they congregate, designed to assist such
12 youth in making healthy personal choices re-
13 garding where they live and how they behave;
14 and

15 “(B) may include—

16 “(i) identification of and outreach to
17 runaway and homeless youth, and street
18 youth;

19 “(ii) crisis intervention and coun-
20 seling;

21 “(iii) information and referral for
22 housing;

23 “(iv) information and referral for
24 transitional living and health care services;

1 “(v) advocacy, education, and preven-
2 tion services related to—

3 “(I) alcohol and drug abuse;

4 “(II) sexual exploitation;

5 “(III) sexually transmitted dis-
6 eases, including human immuno-
7 deficiency virus (HIV); and

8 “(IV) physical and sexual as-
9 sault.

10 “(5) STREET YOUTH.—The term ‘street youth’
11 means an individual who—

12 “(A) is—

13 “(i) a runaway youth; or

14 “(ii) indefinitely or intermittently a
15 homeless youth; and

16 “(B) spends a significant amount of time
17 on the street or in other areas that increase the
18 risk to such youth for sexual abuse, sexual ex-
19 ploitation, prostitution, or drug abuse.

20 “(6) TRANSITIONAL LIVING YOUTH PROJECT.—

21 The term ‘transitional living youth project’ means a
22 project that provides shelter and services designed to
23 promote a transition to self-sufficient living and to
24 prevent long-term dependency on social services.

1 “(7) YOUTH AT RISK OF SEPARATION FROM
2 THE FAMILY.—The term ‘youth at risk of separation
3 from the family’ means an individual—

4 “(A) who is less than 18 years of age; and

5 “(B)(i) who has a history of running away
6 from the family of such individual;

7 “(ii) whose parent, guardian, or custodian
8 is not willing to provide for the basic needs of
9 such individual; or

10 “(iii) who is at risk of entering the child
11 welfare system or juvenile justice system as a
12 result of the lack of services available to the
13 family to meet such needs.”.

14 (o) REDESIGNATION OF SECTIONS.—Sections 371,
15 372, 381, 382, and 383 of the Runaway and Homeless
16 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714b–5851 et seq.), as amended
17 by this title, are redesignated as sections 381, 382, 383,
18 384, and 385, respectively.

19 (p) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The Runaway and
20 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) is
21 amended—

22 (1) in section 331, in the first sentence, by
23 striking “With” and all that follows through “the
24 Secretary”, and inserting “The Secretary”; and

1 (2) in section 344(a)(1), by striking “With”
2 and all that follows through “the Secretary”, and in-
3 serting “The Secretary”.

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Secretary.

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