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

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Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED**
7 **CHILDREN.**

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

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

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

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

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

8 “(A) served as the national resource center
9 and clearinghouse congressionally mandated
10 under the provisions of the Missing Children’s
11 Assistance Act of 1984; and

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

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

23 “(11) since 1987, the Center has operated the
24 National Child Pornography Tipline, in conjunction
25 with the United States Customs Service and the

1 United States Postal Inspection Service and, begin-
2 ning this year, the Center established a new
3 CyberTipline on child exploitation, thus becoming
4 ‘the 911 for the Internet’;

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

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

24 “(14) from its inception in 1984 through March
25 31, 1998, the Center has—

1 “(A) handled 1,203,974 calls through its
2 24-hour toll-free hotline (1-800-THE-LOST)
3 and currently averages 700 calls per day;

4 “(B) trained 146,284 law enforcement,
5 criminal and juvenile justice, and healthcare
6 professionals in child sexual exploitation and
7 missing child case detection, identification, in-
8 vestigation, and prevention;

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

11 “(D) worked with law enforcement on the
12 cases of 59,481 missing children, resulting in
13 the recovery of 40,180 children;

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

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

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

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

17 “(19) the Center is a model of public/private
18 partnership, raising private sector funds to match
19 congressional appropriations and receiving extensive
20 private in-kind support, including advanced tech-
21 nology provided by the computer industry such as
22 imaging technology used to age the photographs of
23 long-term missing children and to reconstruct facial
24 images of unidentified deceased children;

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

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

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

14 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
15 end;

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

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

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

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

24 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
25 section (d); and

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

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

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
6 annually make a grant to the National Center for
7 Missing and Exploited Children, which shall be used
8 to—

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

18 “(ii) coordinate the operation of such tele-
19 phone line with the operation of the national
20 communications system referred to in part C of
21 the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42
22 U.S.C. 5714–11);

23 “(B) operate the official national resource
24 center and information clearinghouse for miss-
25 ing and exploited children;

1 “(C) provide to State and local govern-
2 ments, public and private nonprofit agencies,
3 and individuals, information regarding—

4 “(i) free or low-cost legal, restaurant,
5 lodging, and transportation services that
6 are available for the benefit of missing and
7 exploited children and their families; and

8 “(ii) the existence and nature of pro-
9 grams being carried out by Federal agen-
10 cies to assist missing and exploited chil-
11 dren and their families;

12 “(D) coordinate public and private pro-
13 grams that locate, recover, or reunite missing
14 children with their families;

15 “(E) disseminate, on a national basis, in-
16 formation relating to innovative and model pro-
17 grams, services, and legislation that benefit
18 missing and exploited children;

19 “(F) provide technical assistance and
20 training to law enforcement agencies, State and
21 local governments, elements of the criminal jus-
22 tice system, public and private nonprofit agen-
23 cies, and individuals in the prevention, inves-
24 tigation, prosecution, and treatment of cases in-
25 volving missing and exploited children; and

1 “(G) provide assistance to families and law
2 enforcement agencies in locating and recovering
3 missing and exploited children, both nationally
4 and internationally.

5 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
6 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-
7 ministrator to carry out this subsection,
8 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999, 2000,
9 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

10 “(c) NATIONAL INCIDENCE STUDIES.—The Adminis-
11 trator, either by making grants to or entering into con-
12 tracts with public agencies or nonprofit private agencies,
13 shall—

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

21 “(2) provide to State and local governments,
22 public and private nonprofit agencies, and individ-
23 uals information to facilitate the lawful use of school
24 records and birth certificates to identify and locate
25 missing children.”.

1 (d) NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EX-
 2 PLOITED CHILDREN.—Section 405(a) of the Missing Chil-
 3 dren’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5775(a)) is amended by
 4 inserting “the National Center for Missing and Exploited
 5 Children and with” before “public agencies”.

6 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 7 408 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 5777) is amended by striking “1997 through 2001” and
 9 inserting “1999 through 2004”.

10 (f) REPEAL OF OBSOLETE REPORTING REQUIRE-
 11 MENTS.—Section 409 of the Missing Children’s Assistance
 12 Act (42 U.S.C. 5778) is repealed.

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

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

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

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

23 “(8) services for runaway and homeless youth
 24 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) Such services—

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

18 “(B) shall include—

19 “(i) safe and appropriate shelter; and

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

22 “(C) may include—

23 “(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 (7), by striking “criminal
 13 charges against” and inserting “criminal or de-
 14 linquency charges against or the coordinated
 15 delivery of services to”;

16 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking “para-
 17 graph (6)” and inserting “paragraph (7)”;

18 (C) in paragraph (10), by striking “and”
 19 at the end;

20 (D) in paragraph (11), by striking the pe-
 21 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (E) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(12) shall submit to the Secretary an annual
 24 report that includes, with respect to the year for
 25 which the report is submitted—

1 “(A) information regarding the activities
2 carried out under this part;

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

5 “(C) statistical summaries describing—

6 “(i) the number and the characteris-
7 ties of the runaway and homeless youth,
8 and youth at risk of family separation, who
9 participate in the project; and

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

12 (2) by striking subsections (c) and (d) and in-
13 serting the following:

14 “(c) APPLICANTS PROVIDING STREET-BASED SERV-
15 ICES.—To be eligible to use assistance under section
16 311(a)(2)(C)(i) to provide street-based services, the appli-
17 cant shall include in the plan required by subsection (b)
18 assurances that in providing such services the applicant
19 will—

20 “(1) provide qualified supervision of staff, in-
21 cluding on-street supervision by appropriately
22 trained staff;

23 “(2) provide backup personnel for on-street
24 staff;

1 “(3) provide initial and periodic training of
2 staff who provide such services; and

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

5 “(d) APPLICANTS PROVIDING HOME-BASED SERV-
6 ICES.—To be eligible to use assistance under section
7 311(a) to provide home-based services described in section
8 311(a)(2)(C)(ii), an applicant shall include in the plan re-
9 quired by subsection (b) assurances that in providing such
10 services the applicant will—

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

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

24 “(3) establish, in partnership with the families
25 of runaway and homeless youth, and youth at risk

1 of separation from the family, objectives and meas-
 2 ures of success to be achieved as a result of receiv-
 3 ing home-based services;

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

6 “(5) ensure that—

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

11 “(B) staff providing such services will re-
 12 ceive qualified supervision.

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

18 “(1) a description of—

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

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

22 “(C) the types of information and training
 23 to be provided to individuals providing such
 24 services to runaway and homeless youth; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 “(1) eligible applicants who have demonstrated
 21 experience in providing services to runaway and
 22 homeless youth; and

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

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

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

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

7 (3) by striking subsection (b).

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

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

15 **“SEC. 341. COORDINATION.**

16 “With respect to matters relating to the health, edu-
 17 cation, employment, and housing of runaway and homeless
 18 youth, the Secretary—

19 (1) through the Administrator of the Office of
 20 Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention,
 21 shall coordinate the activities of agencies of the De-
 22 partment of Health and Human Services with activi-
 23 ties under any other Federal juvenile crime control,
 24 prevention, and juvenile offender accountability pro-

1 gram and with the activities of other Federal enti-
2 ties; and

3 (2) shall coordinate the activities of agencies of
4 the Department of Health and Human Services with
5 the activities of other Federal entities and with the
6 activities of entities that are eligible to receive
7 grants under this title.”.

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

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

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

16 (3) in subsection (b)—

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

18 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
19 through (10) as paragraphs (2) through (9), re-
20 spectively.

21 (i) ASSISTANCE TO POTENTIAL GRANTEES.—Section
22 371 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.
23 5714a) is amended by striking the last sentence.

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

4 **“SEC. 381. REPORTS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 1999,
 6 and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall submit, to
 7 the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the
 8 House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judi-
 9 ciary of the Senate, a report on the status, activities, and
 10 accomplishments of entities that receive grants under
 11 parts A, B, C, D, and E, with particular attention to—

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

14 “(A) alleviating the problems of runaway
 15 and homeless youth;

16 “(B) if applicable or appropriate, reuniting
 17 such youth with their families and encouraging
 18 the resolution of intrafamily problems through
 19 counseling and other services;

20 “(C) strengthening family relationships
 21 and encouraging stable living conditions for
 22 such youth; and

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

1 “(2) in the case of projects funded under part

2 B—

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

5 “(B) the types of activities carried out by
6 such projects;

7 “(C) the effectiveness of such projects in
8 alleviating the problems of homeless youth;

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

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

14 “(F) the ability of such projects to encour-
15 age the resolution of intrafamily problems
16 through counseling and development of self-suf-
17 ficient living skills; and

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

20 “(b) CONTENTS OF REPORTS.—The Secretary shall
21 include in each report submitted under subsection (a),
22 summaries of—

23 “(1) the evaluations performed by the Secretary
24 under section 386; and

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

4 (k) REPORTS.—Section 383 of the Runaway and
5 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5731) is amended by
6 striking “Records” and inserting “Except for the purposes
7 of the disposition of criminal or delinquency charges
8 against or the coordinated delivery of services to individual
9 youths, records”.

10 (l) EVALUATION.—Section 384 of the Runaway and
11 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732) is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 **“SEC. 384. EVALUATION AND INFORMATION.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a grantee receives grants for
15 3 consecutive fiscal years under part A, B, C, D, or E
16 (in the alternative), then the Secretary shall evaluate such
17 grantee on-site, not less frequently than once in the period
18 of such 3 consecutive fiscal years, for purposes of—

19 “(1) determining whether such grants are being
20 used for the purposes for which such grants are
21 made by the Secretary;

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

24 “(3) providing such information and assistance
25 to such grantee as will enable such grantee to im-

1 prove the operation of the centers, projects, and ac-
 2 tivities for which such grants are made.

3 “(b) COOPERATION.—Recipients of grants under this
 4 title shall cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to carry
 5 out evaluations, and to collect information, under this
 6 title.”.

7 (m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 8 385 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 5751) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 389. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

12 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
 13 be appropriated to carry out this title (other than
 14 part E) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
 15 years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

16 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

17 “(A) PARTS A AND B.—From the amount
 18 appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
 19 year, the Secretary shall reserve not less than
 20 90 percent to carry out parts A and B.

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

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

5 “(b) SEPARATE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.—No
 6 funds appropriated to carry out this title may be combined
 7 with funds appropriated under any other Act if the pur-
 8 pose of combining such funds is to make a single discre-
 9 tionary grant, or a single discretionary payment, unless
 10 such funds are separately identified in all grants and con-
 11 tracts and are used for the purposes specified in this
 12 title.”.

13 (n) SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.—

14 (1) AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM.—The Runaway
 15 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.)
 16 is amended—

17 (A) by striking the heading for part F;

18 (B) by redesignating part E as part F; and

19 (C) by inserting after part D the following:

20 **“PART E—SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION**
 21 **PROGRAM**

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

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
 24 to nonprofit private agencies for the purpose of providing
 25 street-based services to runaway and homeless, and street

1 youth, who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being
 2 subjected to, sexual abuse, prostitution, or sexual exploi-
 3 tation.

4 “(b) PRIORITY.—In selecting applicants to receive
 5 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give prior-
 6 ity to nonprofit private agencies that have experience in
 7 providing services to runaway and homeless, and street
 8 youth.”.

9 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 Section 389(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth
 11 Act (42 U.S.C. 5751), as amended by subsection
 12 (m) of this section, is amended by adding at the end
 13 the following:

14 “(4) PART E.—There is authorized to be appro-
 15 priated to carry out part E such sums as may be necessary
 16 for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and
 17 2004.”.

18 (o) CONSOLIDATED REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—

19 The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701
 20 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 384 the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 **“SEC. 385. CONSOLIDATED REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.**

23 “With respect to funds available to carry out parts
 24 A, B, C, D, and E, nothing in this title shall be construed
 25 to prohibit the Secretary from—

1 “(1) announcing, in a single announcement, the
2 availability of funds for grants under 2 or more of
3 such parts; and

4 “(2) reviewing applications for grants under 2
5 or more of such parts in a single, consolidated appli-
6 cation review process.”.

7 (p) DEFINITIONS.—The Runaway and Homeless
8 Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) is amended by insert-
9 ing after section 385, as added by subsection (o) of this
10 section, the following:

11 **“SEC. 386. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “In this title:

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

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

19 “(B) may include—

20 “(i) individual, family, group, and
21 peer counseling;

22 “(ii) drop-in services;

23 “(iii) assistance to runaway and
24 homeless youth in rural areas (including

1 the development of community support
2 groups);

3 “(iv) information and training relating
4 to the illicit use of drugs by runaway and
5 homeless youth, to individuals involved in
6 providing services to such youth; and

7 “(v) activities to improve the availabil-
8 ity of local drug abuse prevention services
9 to runaway and homeless youth.

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

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

14 “(i) preventing such youth from run-
15 ning away, or otherwise becoming sepa-
16 rated, from their families; and

17 “(ii) assisting runaway youth to re-
18 turn to their families; and

19 “(B) includes services that are provided in
20 the residences of families (to the extent prac-
21 ticable), including—

22 “(i) intensive individual and family
23 counseling; and

24 “(ii) training relating to life skills and
25 parenting.

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

3 “(A) who is—

4 “(i) not more than 21 years of age;
5 and

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

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

10 “(C) who has no other safe alternative liv-
11 ing arrangement.

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

14 “(A) means services provided to runaway
15 and homeless youth, and street youth, in areas
16 where they congregate, designed to assist such
17 youth in making healthy personal choices re-
18 garding where they live and how they behave;
19 and

20 “(B) may include—

21 “(i) identification of and outreach to
22 runaway and homeless youth, and street
23 youth;

24 “(ii) crisis intervention and counsel-
25 ing;

1 “(iii) information and referral for
2 housing;

3 “(iv) information and referral for
4 transitional living and health care services;

5 “(v) advocacy, education, and preven-
6 tion services related to—

7 “(I) alcohol and drug abuse;

8 “(II) sexual exploitation;

9 “(III) sexually transmitted dis-
10 eases, including human immuno-
11 deficiency virus (HIV); and

12 “(IV) physical and sexual as-
13 sault.

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

16 “(A) is—

17 “(i) a runaway youth; or

18 “(ii) indefinitely or intermittently a
19 homeless youth; and

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

24 “(6) TRANSITIONAL LIVING YOUTH PROJECT.—

25 The term ‘transitional living youth project’ means a

1 project that provides shelter and services designed to
 2 promote a transition to self-sufficient living and to
 3 prevent long-term dependency on social services.

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

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

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

10 “(ii) whose parent, guardian, or custodian
 11 is not willing to provide for the basic needs of
 12 such individual; or

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

17 (q) REDESIGNATION OF SECTIONS.—Sections 371,
 18 372, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, and 386 of the Runaway
 19 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714b–5851 et seq.),
 20 as amended by this title, are redesignated as sections 381,
 21 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, and 388, respectively.

22 (r) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 331 of the
 23 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et
 24 seq.) is amended in the first sentence by striking “With”

- 1 and all that follows through “the Secretary”, and inserting
- 2 “The Secretary”.

