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To reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) 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 “Runaway and Home-

5 less Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

7 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in

8 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms

9 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a provision, the amend-

10 ment or repeal shall be considered to be made to a provi-

1 sion of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (34 U.S.C.
2 11201 et seq.).

3 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

4 Section 302 (34 U.S.C. 11201) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “share of, se-
6 rious health, behavioral, and emotional problems”
7 and inserting “share of, trauma, serious health, be-
8 havioral, social, and emotional problems, and sub-
9 stance use disorder,”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “socially,
11 age, gender, developmentally, culturally and” before
12 “linguistically appropriate”;

13 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
14 (6), as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively;

15 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(3) research has documented that youth expe-
18 rience homelessness as fluid, such that many youth
19 experience 2 to 3 different types of homelessness, in-
20 cluding couch surfing, emergency shelters, and stay-
21 ing on the streets;”;

22 (5) in paragraph (4)(C), as redesignated by
23 paragraph (3), by striking “social contribution” and
24 inserting “self-advocacy”;

1 (6) in paragraph (4)(E), as redesignated by
2 paragraph (3), by inserting “and peer” before “rela-
3 tionships”;

4 (7) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by para-
5 graph (3), by striking “outside the welfare system
6 and the law enforcement system” and inserting “, in
7 collaboration with public assistance systems, the law
8 enforcement system, and the child welfare system”;

9 (8) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by para-
10 graph (3)—

11 (A) by inserting “a safe place to live, con-
12 nection to caring adults, and” after “youth
13 need”; and

14 (B) by striking “and” at the end;

15 (9) in paragraph (7), as redesignated by para-
16 graph (3)—

17 (A) by striking “between the Federal pro-
18 grams that serve runaway and homeless youth
19 are” and inserting “at the Federal level”; and

20 (B) by striking the period at the end and
21 inserting “; and”; and

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

23 “(8) runaway and homeless youth are at a high
24 risk of substance use disorder and becoming victims

1 of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, trafficking in
 2 persons, and sex trafficking;

3 “(9) research has shown that—

4 “(A) the prevalence of homelessness among
 5 youth and young adults is similar in rural and
 6 urban communities; and

7 “(B) runaway and homeless youth pro-
 8 grams, such as those funded under this Act, are
 9 integral services that every community, regard-
 10 less of size, should provide; and

11 “(10) runaway and homeless youth programs
 12 provide expert adolescent services and are integral
 13 community partners for the child welfare and juve-
 14 nile justice systems.”.

15 **SEC. 4. BASIC CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 (a) GRANTS FOR CENTERS AND SERVICES.—Section
 17 311(a) (34 U.S.C. 11211(a)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1)—

19 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
 20 serting “Every 2 or 3 years, the Secretary”;

21 (B) by striking “and operate” and insert-
 22 ing “, operate, and maintain”;

23 (C) by striking “services” and all that fol-
 24 lows through the period at the end and insert-
 25 ing “safe shelter and services, including trau-

1 ma-informed services, for runaway and home-
2 less youth and, if appropriate, services for the
3 families of such youth, including (if appro-
4 priate) individuals identified by such youth as
5 family.”; and

6 (D) by inserting “Grants shall be awarded
7 for a 5-year period.” after “by such youth as
8 family.”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
11 serting the following:

12 “(A) shall be provided to runaway youth,
13 street youth, homeless youth, and youth at risk
14 of separation from his or her family or at risk
15 of becoming homeless;”;

16 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

17 (i) in clause (i), by striking “21 days;
18 and” and inserting “30 days or the max-
19 imum allowed by the State, whichever is
20 greater;”;

21 (ii) by striking clause (ii) and insert-
22 ing the following:

23 “(ii) age, gender, developmentally,
24 and culturally and linguistically appro-
25 priate individual, family, and group coun-

1 seling, as appropriate (including, if appro-
2 priate, counseling for individuals identified
3 by such youth as family); and”;

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(iii) suicide prevention services;
7 and”;

8 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

9 (i) in clause (ii), by inserting “age,
10 gender, developmentally, and culturally and
11 linguistically appropriate, to the extent
12 practicable,” before “home-based services”;

13 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “and”
14 after the semicolon;

15 (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “dis-
16 eases.” and inserting “infections;”;

17 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(v) trauma-informed and gender-re-
20 sponsive services for runaway or homeless
21 youth, including such youth who are vic-
22 tims of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation,
23 trafficking in persons, or sex trafficking;
24 and

1 “(vi) if safe and appropriate, supports
2 for youth and their parents, legal guard-
3 ians, or (if appropriate) those identified by
4 such youth as family, including—

5 “(I) an assessment of family en-
6 gagement to improve support for
7 youth (and if appropriate) reunify
8 youth;

9 “(II) strength-based interven-
10 tions; and

11 “(III) ongoing supportive serv-
12 ices.”.

13 (b) ELIGIBILITY; PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section
14 312 (34 U.S.C. 11212) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, to youth
16 who are at risk of separation from the family,” after
17 “guardians”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “facility”
20 and inserting “project”;

21 (B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

22 (i) by striking “facility” and inserting
23 “project”; and

24 (ii) by striking “requires” and insert-
25 ing “allows”;

1 (C) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, or (if
2 appropriate) individuals identified by such
3 youth as family,” after “parents or legal guard-
4 ians”;

5 (D) in paragraph (6)—

6 (i) by inserting “(which may include
7 the use of online resources in order to
8 reach and engage youth)” after “pro-
9 grams”; and

10 (ii) by striking “cultural minority and
11 persons with limited ability to speak
12 English” and inserting “cultural minority,
13 persons with limited ability to speak
14 English, and runaway or homeless youth
15 who are victims of sexual abuse, sexual ex-
16 ploitation, trafficking in persons, or sex
17 trafficking”;

18 (E) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-
19 ing the following:

20 “(7) shall keep adequate statistical records
21 profiling the youth and family members of such
22 youth whom the applicant serves, including demo-
23 graphic information on and the number of such
24 youth who—

1 “(A) are not referred to out-of-home shel-
2 ter services;

3 “(B) are members of vulnerable or under-
4 served populations;

5 “(C) are victims of sexual abuse, sexual ex-
6 ploitation, trafficking in persons, or sex traf-
7 ficking;

8 “(D) are pregnant or parenting;

9 “(E) have been involved in the child wel-
10 fare system; and

11 “(F) have been involved in the juvenile jus-
12 tice system;”;

13 (F) by striking paragraph (8) and insert-
14 ing the following:

15 “(8) shall ensure that—

16 “(A) the records described in paragraph
17 (7), on an individual runaway or homeless
18 youth, shall not be disclosed without the con-
19 sent of the individual youth and of the parent
20 or legal guardian of such youth or (if appro-
21 priate) an individual identified by such youth as
22 family, to anyone other than another agency
23 compiling statistical records or a government
24 agency involved in the disposition of criminal

1 charges against an individual runaway or home-
2 less youth; and

3 “(B) reports or other documents based on
4 the statistics described in paragraph (7) shall
5 not disclose the identity of any individual run-
6 away or homeless youth;”;

7 (G) in paragraph (12)—

8 (i) by striking subparagraph (B) and
9 inserting the following:

10 “(B) detailed information on how the cen-
11 ter has been able to meet the goals of its plans;
12 and”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

14 (I) by striking clause (i) and in-
15 serting the following:

16 “(i) the number and characteristics of
17 runaway and homeless youth, and youth at
18 risk of family separation, who participate
19 in the project, including such information
20 on—

21 “(I) such youth (including run-
22 away and homeless youth, and youth
23 at risk of family separation) who are
24 victims of sexual abuse, sexual exploi-

1 tation, trafficking in persons, or sex
2 trafficking;

3 “(II) such youth who are preg-
4 nant or parenting;

5 “(III) such youth who have been
6 involved in the child welfare system;
7 and

8 “(IV) such youth who have been
9 involved in the juvenile justice system;
10 and”;

11 (II) in clause (ii), by striking
12 “and” after the semicolon;

13 (H) in paragraph (13) by striking the pe-
14 riod at the end and inserting “for natural disas-
15 ters, inclement weather, and mental health
16 emergencies;”; and

17 (I) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(14) shall provide age, gender, develop-
19 mentally, and culturally and linguistically appro-
20 priate, to the extent practicable, services to runaway
21 and homeless youth; and

22 “(15) shall inform youth of their status as inde-
23 pendent students under section 480 of the Higher
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv), provide
25 verification of such status for the purposes of the

1 Free Application for Federal Student Aid described
2 in section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1090), and assist youth in completing
4 this application at the youth’s request.”;

5 (3) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7 (i) by inserting “age, gender, develop-
8 mentally, and culturally and linguistically
9 appropriate, to the extent practicable,”
10 after “provide”;

11 (ii) by striking “families (including
12 unrelated individuals in the family house-
13 holds) of such youth” and inserting “fami-
14 lies of such youth (including unrelated in-
15 dividuals in the family households of such
16 youth and, if appropriate, individuals iden-
17 tified by such youth as family)”;

18 (iii) by inserting “suicide prevention,”
19 after “physical health care,”;

20 (B) in paragraph (4)—

21 (i) by inserting “, including training
22 on trauma-informed and youth-centered
23 care” after “home-based services”; and

24 (ii) by striking “and” after the semi-
25 colon; and

1 (C) in paragraph (5)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
3 “and” after the semicolon;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 the period at the end and inserting “;
6 and”; and

7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(C) youth are eligible for home-based
10 services when determined by the applicant to be
11 at risk of separation from the family; and”; and
12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(f) ONLINE RESOURCES FOR OUTREACH.—An ap-
14 plicant may develop a plan, consistent with local needs,
15 for the use of online resources, if appropriate, in order
16 to reach and engage youth.”.

17 (c) APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS.—Section 313(b)
18 (34 U.S.C. 11213(b)) is amended by striking paragraph
19 (2) and inserting the following:

20 “(2) eligible applicants that request grants—

21 “(A) of less than \$225,000, if this title is
22 funded at less than \$200,000,000 for the rel-
23 evant fiscal year; and

1 “(B) of less than \$250,000, if this title is
2 funded at \$200,000,000 or more for the rel-
3 evant fiscal year.”.

4 **SEC. 5. TRANSITIONAL LIVING GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM.**—Section 321 (34
6 U.S.C. 11221) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “The Secretary is authorized to
8 make grants and to provide technical assistance”
9 and inserting “The Secretary shall award grants
10 every 2 or 3 years, and shall provide technical assist-
11 ance”; and

12 (2) by inserting “Grants shall be awarded for
13 a 5-year period.” after “homeless youth.”.

14 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 322 (34 U.S.C. 11222) is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by inserting “age, gender, develop-
19 mentally, and culturally and linguistically
20 appropriate, to the extent practicable,” be-
21 fore “information and counseling services”;
22 and

23 (ii) by striking “job attainment skills,
24 and mental and physical health care” and
25 inserting “job attainment skills, mental

1 and physical health care, and suicide pre-
2 vention services”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2)—

4 (i) by striking “18” and inserting
5 “21”; and

6 (ii) by striking “18th” and inserting
7 “21st”;

8 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
9 through (8) and (9) through (16) as para-
10 graphs (5) through (10) and (12) through (19),
11 respectively;

12 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
13 following:

14 “(3) to provide counseling to homeless youth
15 and to encourage, if appropriate, the involvement in
16 such counseling of their parents or legal guardians,
17 or (if appropriate) individuals identified by such
18 youth as family;

19 “(4) to provide aftercare services, if possible, to
20 homeless youth who have received shelter and serv-
21 ices from a transitional living youth project, includ-
22 ing (to the extent practicable) such youth who, after
23 receiving such shelter and services, relocate to a geo-
24 graphic area or State other than the geographic area
25 or State in which such project is located;”;

1 (E) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by
2 subparagraph (C), by striking “shelter facility”
3 and inserting “project”;

4 (F) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by
5 subparagraph (C), by striking “shelter facility
6 used to carry out such project” and inserting
7 “project”;

8 (G) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated,
9 by striking “to provide a written transitional
10 living plan to each youth” and inserting “to de-
11 velop a written transitional living plan in part-
12 nership with each youth”;

13 (H) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated—

14 (i) by inserting “age, gender, develop-
15 mentally, and culturally and linguistically
16 appropriate, to the extent practicable,”
17 after “referral of homeless youth to”;

18 (ii) by striking “vocational, training”
19 and inserting “career and technical edu-
20 cation”;

21 (iii) by striking “and health care pro-
22 grams” and inserting “mental health serv-
23 ice and health care programs, substance
24 use disorder treatment, and programs pro-
25 viding wrap-around services to victims of

1 sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, traf-
2 ficking in persons, or sex trafficking”; and

3 (iv) by striking “such services for
4 youths;” and inserting “such programs de-
5 scribed in this paragraph;”;

6 (I) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated,
7 by inserting “, which may include the use of on-
8 line and social media engagements, as appro-
9 priate” before the semicolon;

10 (J) by inserting after paragraph (10), as
11 so redesignated, the following:

12 “(11) to develop a plan to provide age, gender,
13 developmentally, and culturally and linguistically ap-
14 propriate services, to the extent practicable, that ad-
15 dress the needs of homeless and street youth;”;

16 (K) in paragraph (12), as so redesignated,
17 by striking “the applicant and statistical” and
18 all that follows through “who participate in
19 such project,” and inserting “the applicant, sta-
20 tistical summaries describing the number, the
21 characteristics, and the demographic informa-
22 tion of the homeless youth who participate in
23 such project, including the prevalence of sexual
24 abuse, sexual exploitation, trafficking in per-
25 sons, and sex trafficking of such youth,”;

1 (L) in paragraph (18), as so redesignated,
2 by striking “and” after the semicolon;

3 (M) in paragraph (19), as so redesignated,
4 by striking the period at the end and inserting
5 “regarding responses to natural disasters, in-
6 clement weather, and mental health emer-
7 gencies; and”; and

8 (N) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(20) to inform youth of their status as inde-
10 pendent students under section 480 of the Higher
11 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv), provide
12 verification of such status for the purposes of the
13 Free Application for Federal Student Aid described
14 in section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
15 (20 U.S.C. 1090), and assist the youth in com-
16 pleting this application at the youth’s request.”; and

17 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 “(b) PRIORITY; EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—In selecting eligible applicants to receive grants
20 under this part, the Secretary shall—
21 under this part, the Secretary shall—

22 “(1) give priority to—

23 “(A) entities that have experience in pro-
24 viding to homeless youth shelter and services of
25 the types described in subsection (a)(1); and

1 “(B) entities that request grants—
2 “(i) of less than \$225,000, if this title
3 is funded at less than \$200,000,000 for
4 the relevant fiscal year; and
5 “(ii) of less than \$250,000, if this
6 title is funded at \$200,000,000 or more for
7 the relevant fiscal year; and
8 “(2) consider providing an equitable geographic
9 distribution of grants.”.

10 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.**

11 Section 331 (34 U.S.C. 11231) is amended—
12 (1) by inserting “5-year” before “grants”; and
13 (2) by inserting “, online, and social media”
14 after “telephone”.

15 **SEC. 7. COORDINATING, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND OTHER**
16 **ACTIVITIES.**

17 (a) COORDINATION.—Section 341 (34 U.S.C. 11241)
18 is amended—
19 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
20 inserting “safety, well-being,” after “health,”; and
21 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “other Federal
22 entities” and inserting “the Department of Housing
23 and Urban Development, the Department of Edu-
24 cation, the Department of Labor, and the Depart-
25 ment of Justice”.

1 (b) GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
2 TRAINING.—Section 342 (34 U.S.C. 11242) is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “5-year” before “grants to”;

4 (2) by inserting “, including onsite and web-
5 based techniques, such as on-demand and online
6 learning,” before “to public and private entities”;
7 and

8 (3) by striking “carrying out” and inserting
9 “implementing in a trauma-informed manner”.

10 (c) GRANTS FOR RESEARCH, EVALUATION, DEM-
11 ONSTRATION, AND SERVICE PROJECTS.—Section 343(b)
12 (34 U.S.C. 11243(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (5)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (i) by striking “sexual abuse and as-
16 sult” and inserting “violence, trauma,
17 sexual abuse, sexual exploitation”; and

18 (ii) by striking “and sex trafficking”
19 and inserting “or sex trafficking”;

20 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (i) by striking “and assault” and in-
22 sserting “sexual exploitation,”; and

23 (ii) by striking “and” after the semi-
24 colon;

1 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “who
2 have been sexually victimized” and inserting
3 “who are victims of sexual abuse or sexual ex-
4 ploitation”; and

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

6 “(D) best practices for identifying and pro-
7 viding age, gender, developmentally, and cul-
8 turally and linguistically appropriate services to
9 the extent practicable to—

10 “(i) vulnerable and underserved youth
11 populations; and

12 “(ii) youth who are victims of sexual
13 abuse, sexual exploitation, trafficking in
14 persons, or sex trafficking; and

15 “(E) informing youth of their status as
16 independent students under section 480 of the
17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
18 1087vv), providing verification of such status
19 for the purposes of the Free Application for
20 Federal Student Aid described in section 483 of
21 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 1090), and assisting youth in completing this
23 application at the youth’s request;”;

24 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the
25 end;

1 (3) in paragraph (10), by striking the period
2 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

4 “(11) examining the intersection between the
5 runaway and homeless youth populations and traf-
6 ficking in persons, including noting whether such
7 youth who are victims of trafficking in persons or
8 sex trafficking were previously involved in the child
9 welfare or juvenile justice systems; and

10 “(12) the needs of runaway youth and homeless
11 youth with disabilities, including projects that exam-
12 ine best practices for serving these youth.”.

13 (d) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO PROVIDE SERV-
14 ICES TO YOUTH IN RURAL AREAS.—Section 344(a)(2)(A)
15 (34 U.S.C. 11244(a)(2)(A)) is amended by striking
16 “\$100,000” and inserting “\$200,000”.

17 (e) PERIODIC ESTIMATE OF INCIDENCE AND PREVA-
18 LENCE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.—Section 345 (34
19 U.S.C. 11245) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

22 (1)—

23 (i) by inserting “and the Runaway
24 and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Pre-
25 vention Act of 2019,” after “2008,”;

1 (ii) by striking “5” and inserting “3”;

2 and

3 (iii) by inserting “of Health and
4 Human Services, acting through the Asso-
5 ciate Commissioner of the Family and
6 Youth Services Bureau” after “Secretary”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by striking “13” and inserting
9 “12”; and

10 (ii) by striking “and” after the semi-
11 colon;

12 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

15 “(3) that includes demographic information
16 about and characteristics of runaway or homeless
17 youth, including such youth who are victims of sex-
18 ual abuse, sexual exploitation, trafficking in persons,
19 or sex trafficking; and

20 “(4) that does not disclose the identity of any
21 runaway or homeless youth.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

23 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

24 (A), by striking “13” and inserting “12”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
4 subparagraph (C);

5 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
6 the following:

7 “(B) incidences, if any, of—

8 “(i) such individuals who are victims
9 of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, traf-
10 ficking in persons; or

11 “(ii) such individuals who are victims
12 of sex trafficking; and”;

13 (E) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-
14 ated—

15 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “; and”
16 and inserting “, including mental health
17 services;”; and

18 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(iv) access to education (including
21 postsecondary education and career and
22 technical education); and”.

23 **SEC. 8. SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

24 Section 351 (34 U.S.C. 11261) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
2 serting “Every 2 or 3 years, the Secretary”;

3 (B) by inserting “public and” before “non-
4 profit”; and

5 (C) by striking “prostitution,” and insert-
6 ing “violence,”;

7 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(b) PRIORITY; EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBU-
10 TION.—In selecting applicants to receive grants under
11 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

12 “(1) give priority to—

13 “(A) public and nonprofit private agencies
14 that have experience in providing services to
15 runaway and homeless, and street youth; and

16 “(B) eligible applicants that request
17 grants—

18 “(i) of less than \$225,000, if this title
19 is funded at less than \$200,000,000 for
20 the relevant fiscal year; and

21 “(ii) of less than \$250,000, if this
22 title is funded at \$200,000,000 or more for
23 the relevant fiscal year; and

24 “(2) consider providing an equitable geographic
25 distribution of grants.”; and

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

2 “(c) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—To be eligible to
3 receive a grant under subsection (a), an applicant shall
4 certify to the Secretary that such applicant has systems
5 in place to ensure that such applicant can provide age,
6 gender, developmentally, and culturally and linguistically
7 appropriate, to the extent practicable, services to all youth
8 described in subsection (a).

9 “(d) **DURATION.**—Grants awarded under this section
10 shall be for a period of 5 years.”.

11 **SEC. 9. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

12 (a) **LEASE OF SURPLUS FEDERAL FACILITIES FOR**
13 **USE RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS OR AS**
14 **TRANSITIONAL LIVING YOUTH SHELTER PROJECTS.**—
15 Section 381 (34 U.S.C. 11272) is amended—

16 (1) in the section heading—

17 (A) by inserting “, **SITES,**” after “**CEN-**
18 **TERS**”; and

19 (B) by striking “**SHELTER FACILITIES**”
20 and inserting “**SHELTER PROJECTS**”; and

21 (2) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
22 paragraph (1), by striking “facilities” and inserting
23 “projects”.

24 (b) **REPORTS.**—Section 382(a) (34 U.S.C. 11273(a))
25 is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by striking “2000” and inserting
3 “2021”; and

4 (B) by striking “the Workforce” and in-
5 sserting “Labor”;

6 (2) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
8 through (D) as subparagraphs (C) through (E),
9 respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
11 the following:

12 “(B) collecting data on sexual abuse, sex-
13 ual exploitation, trafficking in persons, and sex
14 trafficking of runaway and homeless youth;”;
15 and

16 (3) in paragraph (2)—

17 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
18 sserting the following:

19 “(A) the number and characteristics of
20 homeless youth served by such projects, includ-
21 ing—

22 “(i) such youth who are victims of
23 sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, traf-
24 ficking in persons, and sex trafficking;

1 “(ii) such youth who are pregnant or
2 parenting;

3 “(iii) such youth who have been in-
4 volved in the child welfare system; and

5 “(iv) such youth who have been in-
6 volved in the juvenile justice system;”;

7 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking
8 “intrafamily problems” and inserting “problems
9 within the family, including (if appropriate) in-
10 dividuals identified by such youth as family,”.

11 (c) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 383(a) (34 U.S.C.
12 11274(a)) is amended by striking “facility’s budget” and
13 inserting “project’s budget”.

14 (d) EVALUATION AND INFORMATION.—Section
15 386(a) (34 U.S.C. 11277(a)) is amended in the matter
16 preceding paragraph (1)—

17 (1) by striking “3” and inserting “5” each
18 place the term appears; and

19 (2) by inserting “, acting through the Associate
20 Commissioner of the Family and Youth Services Bu-
21 reau,” after “Secretary”.

22 (e) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.—Section 386A(a)
23 (34 U.S.C. 11278(a)) is amended by inserting “and the
24 date of enactment of the Runaway and Homeless Youth
25 and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2019” after “2008”.

1 (f) NONDISCRIMINATION.—Part F is amended by in-
2 serting after section 386A (34 U.S.C. 11278) the fol-
3 lowing:

4 **“SEC. 386B. NONDISCRIMINATION.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No person in the United States
6 shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, reli-
7 gion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in
8 section 249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sexual
9 orientation, or disability, be excluded from participation
10 in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination
11 under any program or activity receiving Federal financial
12 assistance under title III of the Juvenile Justice and De-
13 linquency Prevention Act of 1974.

14 “(b) EXCEPTION.—If programming that is seg-
15 regated by or specific to sex is necessary to the essential
16 operation of a program, nothing in this section shall be
17 construed to prevent the entity carrying out any such pro-
18 gram or activity from consideration of an individual’s sex.
19 In such a circumstance, the entity may meet the require-
20 ments of this section by providing comparable services to
21 individuals who cannot be provided with the sex-seg-
22 regated or sex-specific programming.

23 “(c) DISQUALIFICATION.—The authority provided for
24 the Secretary to enforce this section shall be the same as
25 the authority provided for the Secretary to enforce sub-

1 section (a) or (b) of section 654 of the Head Start Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 9849). The procedures provided for review of
3 an action to enforce this section shall be the same as the
4 procedures provided for review of an action to enforce sub-
5 section (b) of that section.

6 “(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
7 be construed, interpreted, or applied to supplant, displace,
8 preempt, or otherwise limit the responsibilities and liabil-
9 ities under other Federal or State laws with respect to
10 discrimination on a basis described in subsection (a).”.

11 (g) DEFINITIONS.—Section 387 (34 U.S.C. 11279)
12 is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
14 (6), and paragraphs (7) and (8), as paragraphs (2)
15 through (7), and paragraphs (9) and (10), respec-
16 tively;

17 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(1) CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY AP-
20 PROPRIATE.—The term ‘culturally and linguistically
21 appropriate’, with respect to services, has the mean-
22 ing given the term ‘culturally and linguistically ap-
23 propriate services’ in the ‘National Standards for
24 Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in
25 Health and Health Care’, issued in April 2013, by

1 the Office of Minority Health of the Department of
2 Health and Human Services.”;

3 (3) in paragraph (4)(A) (as so redesignated)—

4 (A) in clause (i), by striking “21” and in-
5 serting “26”; and

6 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “and either”
7 and all that follows through the end of the
8 clause and inserting “but less than 26 years of
9 age;”;

10 (4) in paragraph (6)(B)(as so redesignated)—

11 (A) in clause (i), by striking the semicolon
12 and inserting “, including the use of online
13 methods of engagement, as appropriate, based
14 on the needs of the community and population
15 served;”;

16 (B) in clause (v), by striking subclauses (I)
17 through (IV) and inserting the following:

18 “(I) alcohol and substance use
19 disorder;

20 “(II) sexual abuse, sexual exploi-
21 tation, trafficking in persons, and sex
22 trafficking;

23 “(III) sexually transmitted infec-
24 tions, including human immuno-
25 deficiency virus (HIV);

1 “(IV) physical and sexual as-
2 sault; and

3 “(V) suicide.”;

4 (5) in paragraph (7)(B) (as so redesignated),
5 by striking “prostitution or drug abuse.” and insert-
6 ing “trafficking in persons, sex trafficking, or sub-
7 stance use disorder”;

8 (6) by inserting after paragraph (7) (as so re-
9 designated), the following:

10 “(8) TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.—The term
11 ‘trafficking in persons’ has the meaning given the
12 term ‘severe forms of trafficking in persons’ in sec-
13 tion 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
14 of 2019 (22 U.S.C. 7102).”;

15 (7) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated)—

16 (A) by inserting “to homeless youth” after
17 “provides”; and

18 (B) by inserting “, to establish a stable
19 family or community supports,” after “self-suf-
20 ficient living”; and

21 (8) in paragraph (10)(B) (as so redesi-
22 gnated)—

23 (A) in clause (ii)—

24 (i) by inserting “or able” after “will-
25 ing”; and

1 (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

2 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period
3 and inserting “; or”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(iv) who is involved in the child wel-
6 fare or juvenile justice system, but is not
7 living in housing or shelter funded by the
8 Federal Government”.

9 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
10 388(a) (34 U.S.C. 11280(a)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking
12 “\$127,421,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
13 2020” and inserting “\$225,000,000 for fiscal year
14 2021, and such sums as may be necessary for each
15 of fiscal years 2022 through 2025”;

16 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “such
17 sums as may be necessary” and all that follows
18 through the period at the end and inserting
19 “\$2,000,000 shall be made available to carry out
20 section 345 for fiscal year 2021 and such sums as
21 may be necessary shall be made available to carry
22 out such section for each of fiscal years 2022
23 through 2025”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “\$25,000,000
25 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2020” and in-

1 serting “\$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, and such
2 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
3 2022 through 2025”.

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