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# S. 2560

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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; ETC.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Reconnecting Youth to Prevent Homelessness Act of  
6 2007”.

7       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

See. 1. Short title; etc.

TITLE I—PREVENTION OF UNACCOMPANIED SITUATIONS AMONG  
CHILD WELFARE GROUPS

Sec. 101. Curtailment of involuntary separation of children from their families.  
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## TITLE II—EXTENSION OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES TO OLDER YOUTH

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 Sec. 202. Improvements to John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.

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Sec. 401. Inclusion of homeless youth as qualified population for Work Opportunity Credit.

# 1 **TITLE I—PREVENTION OF UNAC- 2 COMPANIED SITUATIONS 3 AMONG CHILD WELFARE 4 GROUPS**

## 5 **SEC. 101. CURTAILMENT OF INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION OF 6 CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES.**

7       Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 8 671(a)) is amended—  
 9           (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
 10          (26);  
 11           (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
 12          graph (27) and inserting “; and”; and  
 13           (3) by adding at the end the following:

1               “(28) provides that the State shall have in ef-  
2               fect such laws and procedures as are necessary to  
3               ensure that—

4               “(A) a child may not be placed in foster  
5               care under the responsibility of the State solely  
6               because the family with which the child is living  
7               is homeless (as defined in paragraph (2) of sec-  
8               tion 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-  
9               sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)) or living in  
10               substandard housing (as defined in section  
11               204(b)(11) of the National Housing Act) or a  
12               dwelling unit that is experiencing severe phys-  
13               ical problems (as defined in subparagraph (F)  
14               of such section); and

15               “(B) the State will work with the family  
16               and State housing authorities to secure perma-  
17               nent housing for any family that includes a  
18               minor child and is homeless or at risk of becom-  
19               ing homeless.”.

20 **SEC. 102. GAO REPORT ON UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH AC-**  
21 **CESS TO THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.**

22               Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment  
23               of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
24               shall submit a report to the Committee on Ways and  
25               Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee

1 on Finance of the Senate on the policies and practices of  
2 States regarding access to child welfare services (including  
3 services related to foster care and adoption) that are fi-  
4 nanced pursuant to part B or E of title IV of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) by children who have  
6 attained 13 years of age and that considers the use of  
7 runaway and homeless situations as risk assessment fac-  
8 tors for determining the appropriateness of placement in  
9 the child welfare system. Such report shall include—  
10 (1) an inventory of such policies and practices;  
11 (2) an assessment of the effectiveness of such  
12 policies and practices; and  
13 (3) recommendations for such Federal or State  
14 legislation or administrative action as the Compt-  
15 rroller General determines appropriate.

**16 SEC. 103. DISCHARGE FROM CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.**

17 (a) STATE PLANS REQUIRED TO DESCRIBE STATE  
18 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING RUNAWAY OR  
19 MISSING FOSTER CHILDREN.—Section 471(a) of the So-  
20 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), as amended by sec-  
21 tion 101, is amended—  
22 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
23 (27);  
24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
25 graph (28) and inserting “; and”; and

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

2                   “(29) describes the written policies and proce-  
3                   dures of the State that are designed to reduce the  
4                   incidence of children missing or running away from  
5                   foster care, and to locate and return such children  
6                   to foster placements.”.

7 (b) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PERMANENCY PLAN FOR  
8 CHILD LEAVING FOSTER CARE.—Section 475(5)(C) of  
9 such Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(C)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and (iii)” and inserting “(iii)”;  
11 and

20 (c) REVIEW OF STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE APPRO-  
21 PRIATE HOUSING FOR CHILDREN LEAVING FOSTER  
22 CARE.—Section 475(5)(C)(iii) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 675(5)(C)(iii)) is amended by inserting “, and reviews all  
24 documentation of the efforts to secure a permanent living

1 arrangement for the child upon emancipation from foster  
2 care” before “; and”.

3 (d) MODIFICATION OF CASE PLAN REQUIRE-  
4 MENTS.—Section 475(1)(D) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 675(1)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(D) Where appropriate, for a child who  
7 has attained 14 years of age (and, at State op-  
8 tion, any other child), a written description of  
9 the programs and services that will facilitate  
10 the transition of the child from foster care to  
11 independent living, including a discussion of the  
12 appropriateness of the services that have been  
13 provided to the child under the plan. The plan  
14 for such child shall also include documentation  
15 of the steps the agency is taking to ensure a  
16 permanent placement with a family or other  
17 adult connection for the child, and a permanent  
18 living arrangement. In the case of a child who  
19 has attained 17 years of age or with a perma-  
20 nency goal of emancipation, the plan shall in-  
21 clude documentation of the child’s permanent  
22 living arrangement upon emancipation.”.

1   **TITLE II—EXTENSION OF CHILD**  
2   **WELFARE      SERVICES      TO**  
3   **OLDER YOUTH**

4   **SEC. 201. ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE**  
5                   **PAYMENTS AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAY-**  
6                   **MENTS THROUGH AGE 20.**

7       (a) FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS.—Sec-  
8   tion 472 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 672) is  
9   amended—

10               (1) in subsection (a)—  
11                   (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
12                   ing the following:

13               “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Each State with a plan ap-  
14   proved under this part shall make foster care main-  
15   tenance payments on behalf of—

16               “(A) each child who has been removed  
17   from the home of a relative specified in section  
18   406(a) (as in effect on July 16, 1996) into fos-  
19   ter care if the removal and foster care place-  
20   ment met, and the placement continues to meet,  
21   the requirements of paragraph (2) of this sub-  
22   section; and

23               “(B) each child who is an individual de-  
24   scribed in subsection (j)(2) of this section who  
25   has entered foster care under the responsibility

1 of the State if the foster care placement met  
2 and continues to meet the requirements of  
3 paragraph (3) of this subsection.”;

4 (B) in the heading of paragraph (2), by in-  
5 serting “APPLICABLE TO MINORS” after “RE-  
6 QUIREMENTS”; and

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

8 “(5) FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT REQUIRE-  
9 MENTS APPLICABLE TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE AT-  
10 TAINED THE AGE OF MAJORITY.—The foster care  
11 placement of a child who is an individual described  
12 in subsection (j)(2) meets the requirements of this  
13 paragraph if—

14 “(A) the foster care placement is in ac-  
15 cordance with a voluntary placement agreement  
16 entered into by the individual;

17 “(B) the individual’s placement and care  
18 meet the requirement of paragraph (2)(B) of  
19 this subsection; and

20 “(C)(i) the individual has been placed in a  
21 foster family home, child-care institution, or  
22 dwelling described in subsection (b)(3)(C); or

23 “(ii) the individual has secured a dwelling  
24 described in subsection (b)(3)(D).”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
2 graph (1);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
4 paragraph (2) and inserting “, or”; and

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

6                   “(3) in the case of a child who is an individual  
7                   described in subsection (j)(2)—

8                   “(A) in a home described in paragraph (1),  
9                   in accordance with the payment rules set forth  
10                  in paragraph (1);

11                             “(B) in an institution described in para-  
12                             graph (2), in accordance with the payment rules  
13                             set forth in paragraph (2);

24                             “(D) in housing rented or leased by the in-  
25                             dividual.”;

(3) in subsection (e), by inserting “minor” before “child who”;

3 (4) in subsection (f)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) by striking “a minor” and insert-  
6 ing “a child”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)—

12 (i) by striking “a minor child” and in-  
13 serting “a child (or, if the child has at-  
14 tained 18 years of age, the child himself or  
15 herself)”; and

16 (ii) by inserting “(if the child is a  
17 minor)” after “obligations of the parents  
18 or guardians”; and

19 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
20 section:

21       “(j) In this section, the term ‘child’ means—

22                             “(1) a minor child; and

23                   “(2) an individual who—

24                             “(A) has not attained 21 years of age; and

1                   “(B) has been emancipated from foster  
2                   care under the responsibility of the State by  
3                   reason of attaining the age of majority.”.

4 (b) ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 474(a)(1)  
15 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 674(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
16 “under section 472 for children in foster family homes or  
17 child-care institutions” and inserting “in accordance with  
18 section 472”.

19 SEC. 202. IMPROVEMENTS TO JOHN H. CHAFEE FOSTER  
20 CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM.

21 (a) INCREASE IN ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION  
22 LEVEL.—Section 477(h)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
23 U.S.C. 677(h)(1)) is amended by striking “\$140,000,000”  
24 and inserting “\$200,000,000”.

1       (b) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES.—

2 Section 477 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 677) is amended—

3           (1) in subsection (a)—

4               (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “18” and  
5               inserting “14”; and

6               (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “between  
7               18 and 21” and inserting “who have attained  
8               18 years of age, and who have not attained 25  
9               years of age”;

10           (2) in each of subsections (b)(3)(A) and  
11           (b)(3)(B), by striking “21” and inserting “25”;

12           (3) in subsection (i)—

13               (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “youths  
14               adopted from foster care after attaining age  
15               16” and inserting “youths in or exiting from  
16               foster care after attaining 14 years of age”; and

17               (B) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating  
18               paragraphs (4) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively.

20       (c) AUTHORITY TO USE PROGRAM FUNDS TO PRO-  
21       VIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AND EDUCATION  
22       AND TRAINING VOUCHERS FOR CHILDREN WHO EXIT  
23       FOSTER CARE TO GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTION AFTER  
24       AGE 14.—

3 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
4 graph (5);

5 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
6 paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”; and

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

8               “(7) to provide the services referred to in this  
9                subsection to children who, after attaining 14 years  
10               of age, have left foster care for kinship guardianship  
11               or adoption.”.

18 (d) ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS  
19 FOR FUNDS.—Section 477(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 677(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

21                             “(G) Distribute funds provided to the  
22 State under this section among a diverse range  
23 of qualified providers of services that are pri-  
24 vate entities, and ensure that the entities have  
25 equal opportunity to receive the funds.”.

1       (e) EXPANSION OF PROGRAM EVALUATIONS.—Section 477(g)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 677(g)(1)) is  
2       amended—

3               (1) in the first sentence, by inserting “, and of  
4       model programs that focus on improving outcomes  
5       for youth aging out of care in the areas of edu-  
6       cation, employment, personal development, and  
7       housing” after “significance”;

8               (2) in the second sentence, by striking “and  
9       personal development” and inserting “mental and  
10      physical health, personal development, and housing,  
11      and on the use of room and board services and how  
12      the use of the services improve housing outcomes for  
13      youth”; and

14               (3) in the third sentence, by inserting “, where  
15      practicable,” before “random assignment”.

16       (f) IMPROVING AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE SERV-  
17       ICES.—

18               (1) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—Section 477  
19       of such Act (42 U.S.C. 677) is amended by adding  
20       at the end the following new subsection:

21               “(j) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER  
22       RELATED PROGRAMS.—To improve access to the array of  
23       services available to youth transitioning out of foster care  
24       and assist States in leveraging available resources, the

1 Secretary shall provide for the efficient distribution to  
2 States and local areas of information about Federal pro-  
3 grams, other than the program established by this section,  
4 that may assist youth in their transition to self-sufficiency  
5 and provide guidance on how to access services under the  
6 programs.”.

7 (2) DUTIES OF THE STATE.—Section 477(b)(3)

8 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 677(b)(3)) is amended—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (H)  
10 through (J) as subparagraphs (I) through (K),  
11 respectively; and

12 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)  
13 the following:

14 “(G) A certification by the chief executive offi-  
15 cer that, when or before a child leaves foster care  
16 under the responsibility of the State, the State will  
17 inform the child of the full range of available finan-  
18 cial, housing, counseling, health, public benefit em-  
19 ployment, and education services, and other appro-  
20 priate support and services for which the child is eli-  
21 gible.”.

1                   **TITLE III—YOUNG FAMILY**  
2                   **CONCERNS**

3                   **SEC. 301. TANF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.**

4                   Section 402(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42  
5                   U.S.C. 602(a)(1)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the  
6                   following new clause:

7                   “(vii) Identify the education and  
8                   training, living arrangement, and other  
9                   services needs of individuals described in  
10                   section 408(a)(5)(B)(ii) who are potentially  
11                   eligible to receive assistance under the  
12                   State program funded under this part and  
13                   establish policies, procedures, and strate-  
14                   gies to address the needs.”.

15                   **SEC. 302. ADULT-SUPERVISED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS.**

16                   Section 408(a)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42  
17                   U.S.C. 608(a)(5)(B)) is amended—

18                   (1) by striking clause (i) and inserting the fol-  
19                   lowing:

20                   “(i) PROVISION OF ADULT-SUPER-  
21                   VISED LIVING ARRANGEMENT.—In the case  
22                   of an individual who is described in clause  
23                   (ii), the State agency referred to in section  
24                   402(a)(4) shall provide or ensure the pro-  
25                   vision of a second chance home, maternity

1                   group home, transitional living youth  
2                   project, or other appropriate adult-supervised  
3                   supportive living arrangement, taking  
4                   into consideration the needs, concerns, and  
5                   wishes of the individual, unless the State  
6                   agency determines that the individual's  
7                   current living arrangement is appropriate,  
8                   and therefore, shall require that the individual and the minor child referred to in  
9                   subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) reside in such living  
10                  arrangement as a condition of the continued receipt of assistance under the  
11                  State program funded under this part attributable to funds provided by the Federal  
12                  Government (or in an alternative appropriate arrangement, should circumstances  
13                  change and the current arrangement cease  
14                  to be appropriate).";

15                  (2) in clause (ii)—

16                   (A) by redesignating subclauses (III) and  
17                   (IV) as subclauses (V) and (VI), respectively;  
18                   and

19                   (B) by inserting after subclause (II) the  
20                   following:

1                             “(III) the individual is a home-  
2                             less youth;

3                             “(IV) the individual is a street  
4                             youth;”;

5                             (3) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (vi)  
6                             and inserting after clause (ii) the following:

7                             “(iii) DISCLOSURE OF ADULT-SUPER-  
8                             VISED LIVING ARRANGEMENT OPTIONS TO  
9                             INDIVIDUAL.—The State agency shall en-  
10                             sure that individuals described in subpara-  
11                             graph (A)(ii) who are applicants or recipi-  
12                             ents of assistance are fully informed of all  
13                             adult-supervised living arrangement op-  
14                             tions that satisfy the requirement of this  
15                             subsection, and provide the individual the  
16                             opportunity to request a specific adult-su-  
17                             pervised living arrangement.

18                             “(iv) DETERMINATION OF ADULT-SU-  
19                             PERVISED LIVING ARRANGEMENT.—In de-  
20                             termining the appropriateness of the indi-  
21                             vidual’s current living arrangement in  
22                             clause (i) and considering the individual’s  
23                             request for a specific adult-supervised liv-  
24                             ing arrangement in clause (iii), the State  
25                             agency shall provide a written explanation

1 of the determination, including a statement  
2 regarding the right to appeal the deter-  
3 mination under clause (v), to the indi-  
4 vidual, if the determination is other than  
5 the adult-supervised living arrangement re-  
6 quested by the individual.

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

1 387(6) of the Juvenile Justice and  
2 Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

13 SEC. 303. SUSPENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR YOUNG ADULT  
14 PARENT INVOLVED IN EDUCATION OR TRAIN-  
15 ING.

16 Section 408(a)(7)(B) of the Social Security Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 608(a)(7)(B)) is amended—

1                             “(I) had not attained 20 years of  
2                             age, and was meeting all program re-  
3                             quirements relating to education,  
4                             training and living arrangements; or  
5                             “(II) had attained 20 but not 21  
6                             years of age, and was scheduled to  
7                             complete all program requirements re-  
8                             lating to education or training.”.

9 **SEC. 304. TRANSITIONAL COMPLIANCE.**

10                     Section 408(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 608(a)) is amended—

12                     (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “if” and all  
13                     that follows and inserting “if—  
14                         “(A) the individual does not participate  
15                         in—

16                         “(i) educational activities directed to-  
17                         ward the attainment of a high school di-  
18                         ploma or its equivalent; or

19                         “(ii) an alternative educational or  
20                         training program that has been approved  
21                         by the State; and

22                         “(B) 91 days have elapsed since the State  
23                         has notified the individual that the individual is  
24                         in violation of this paragraph.”; and

## 5 SEC. 305. SANCTION PROTECTIONS FOR MINOR PARENTS.

6 Section 408(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 608(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8                     “(12) A State to which a grant is made under  
9                     section 403 of this Act shall not impose a sanction  
10                    on a recipient of assistance under the State program  
11                    funded under this part who is an individual de-  
12                    scribed in paragraph (4) or (5)(B)(ii) of this sub-  
13                    section and whose household includes a minor who  
14                    has received assistance under the State program  
15                    funded under this part attributable to funds pro-  
16                    vided by the Federal Government or under the food  
17                    stamp program, as defined in section 3(h) of the  
18                    Food Stamp Act of 1977, unless the State has es-  
19                    tablished procedures that help recipients of assist-  
20                    ance under the State program funded under this  
21                    part understand, avoid, or end sanctions, and has  
22                    applied the procedures to the recipient.”.

**23 SEC. 306. TEEN PARENT STUDY AND REPORT.**

24 Section 413 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 613) is amended by adding at the end the following:

## 1       “(k) TEEN PARENT STUDY AND REPORT.—

2           “(1) STUDY OF TANF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-  
3        retary shall conduct a study of recipients of assist-  
4        ance under State programs funded under this part  
5        who are parents and have not attained 20 years of  
6        age to determine the following:7           “(A) Whether State data on the number of  
8        such recipients is accurately reflected in Fed-  
9        eral data, including an examination of the ex-  
10       tent to which such recipients who are members  
11        of a family are not reflected in the data, and  
12       an examination of the extent to which Federal  
13       estimation methods do not reflect the number  
14       of such recipients in a State.15       “(B) What assessment procedures are uti-  
16       lized with such recipients, and whether there  
17       appear to be best practices that consider such  
18       issues as whether the recipient has an edu-  
19       cational barrier such as a learning disability or  
20       mental health problem.21       “(C) Whether localities appear to have  
22       adequate and appropriate services that meet the  
23       needs of such recipients in areas such as infant  
24       care, education, training, and mental health, for  
25       services such as appropriate housing, mental

1           health, and alternative education, whether staff  
2           assist teen parents in researching and locating  
3           such services including an appropriate living ar-  
4           rangement, and the extent to which such recipi-  
5           ents who have not completed high school or the  
6           equivalent are encouraged to engage in edu-  
7           cation or work.

8           “(D) How State rules providing that, in  
9           determining the eligibility of such recipients for  
10           such assistance, the income of the recipient is  
11           deemed to include the income of any parents  
12           with whom such recipient is living appear to  
13           have affected the extent to which such recipi-  
14           ents who are members of a family with income  
15           less than 200 percent of the poverty line (as de-  
16           fined in section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget  
17           Reconciliation Act of 1981, including any revi-  
18           sion required by such section, applicable to a  
19           family of the size involved) are able to partici-  
20           pate in State programs funded under this part.

21           “(E) Demographic information such as—

22                “(i) the age of such recipients;  
23                “(ii) the amount of time such recipi-  
24                ents received such assistance in a given  
25                year;

1                         “(iii) the number of children that  
2                         such recipients have;

3                         “(iv) school attainment by such recipi-  
4                         ents, by age;

5                         “(v) the employment status of such  
6                         recipients, such as whether a recipient has  
7                         ever worked or has worked while in school;

8                         “(vi) the child care arrangements of  
9                         such recipients; and

10                         “(vii) the living arrangements of such  
11                         recipients.

12                         “(2) STUDY OF LOW-INCOME TEEN PARENTS  
13                         WHO ARE NOT TANF RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary  
14                         shall conduct a study of a representative sample of  
15                         low-income (as determined by the Secretary) teen  
16                         parents who are not recipients of assistance under a  
17                         State program funded under this part, to determine  
18                         the following:

19                         “(A) Whether the teen parent sought to  
20                         apply for such assistance.

21                         “(B) Whether a teen parent who indicated  
22                         to a State a desire to apply for such assistance  
23                         received an application for such assistance.

24                         “(C) Whether a teen parent who applied  
25                         for such assistance was subsequently contacted

1 by the State agency responsible for operating a  
2 State program funded under this part.

3 **“(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—**

4 **“(A) IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 3 years  
5 after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
6 the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress  
7 that contains the findings of the studies re-  
8 quired by this subsection and recommendations  
9 regarding such issues as how to improve data  
10 reporting, State plans, State ‘best practice’ in-  
11 formation sharing, and assessments.

12 **“(B) ADVISORY GROUP.—**The Secretary  
13 shall establish an advisory group consisting of  
14 representatives from organizations that work  
15 with parents who have not attained 20 years of  
16 age, to provide advice to the Secretary on ques-  
17 tions relating to such parents that should be in-  
18 vestigated and to provide comments to accom-  
19 pany the recommendations contained in the re-  
20 port under subparagraph (A).”.

## 1                   **TITLE IV—WORK** 2                   **OPPORTUNITIES**

### 3 SEC. 401. INCLUSION OF HOMELESS YOUTH AS QUALIFIED

## 4 POPULATION FOR WORK OPPORTUNITY

5 CREDIT.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 51(d) of  
7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking  
8 “or” at the end of subparagraph (H), by striking the pe-  
9 riod at the end of subparagraph (I) and inserting “, or”,  
10 and adding at the end the following new subparagraph:  
11 “(J) a qualified homeless youth.”.

12 (b) QUALIFIED HOMELESS YOUTH.—Subsection (d)  
13 of section 51 of such Code is amended by redesignating  
14 paragraphs (11) through (13) as paragraphs (12) through  
15 (14), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (10)  
16 the following new paragraph:

17                   “(11)    QUALIFIED    HOMELESS    YOUTH.—The  
18                   term ‘qualified homeless youth’ means any individual  
19                   who is certified by the designated local agency—

20                         “(A) as having attained age 16 but not age  
21                         25 on the hiring date; and

22                             “(B) as being described in paragraph (2)  
23                             of section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
24                             Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a), as in effect

1           on the date of the enactment of this paragraph,  
2           on the hiring date.”.

3        (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for  
5 the employer after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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