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H. R. 29

To amend the definition of “homeless person” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. HINOJOSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Homeless Children and
5 Youth Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION.**

2 Subsection (a) of section 103 of the McKinney-Vento
3 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) is amend-
4 ed—

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

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

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(3)(A) a child or youth who has been verified
12 as homeless, as such term is defined in section
13 725(2)(B)(i) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
14 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)(B)(i)), by a local
15 educational agency homeless liaison, designated pur-
16 suant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-
17 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
18 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)), and the family of such child or
19 youth;

20 “(B) a youth verified as homeless by the direc-
21 tor of a program funded under the Runaway and
22 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), or a
23 designee of the director;

24 “(C) a child verified as homeless under section
25 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education

1 Act (20 U.S.C. 1401) by the director or the designee
2 of such program, and the family of such child; and
3 “(D) a child verified as homeless under section
4 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832) by the
5 director or designee of such program, and the family
6 of such child.”.

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