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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2591

**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Skinner)**

February 21, 2014

An act ~~relating to public social services~~; to add Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710) to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2591, as amended, Weber. Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance.

Existing law establishes various public social services programs to provide for protection, care, and assistance to the people of the state in need of those services, by providing appropriate aid and services to the needy and distressed, including CalWORKs and CalFresh. Existing law establishes homeless youth emergency service pilot projects in the Counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, and San Francisco.

This bill would create the Homeless Youth Basic Materials Needs Assistance Program and would require that moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the program be allocated proportionally to counties by the State Department of Social Services based on the number of homeless youth in the county. The bill would require a county that elects to establish a program to solicit proposals from and contract with nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing basic materials needs assistance to homeless youth in the county as directed by the county and would require contracted nonprofit organizations to consult with the county's children and family

commission, as specified, if the county elects to include homeless youth from birth to 5 years of age, inclusive, in its program. The bill would require the department to retain the moneys allocated to a county and act in the place of a county if a county elects not to establish a program or requests the department to administer its program. The bill would enact other related provisions.

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~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide basic materials needs assistance for homeless youth identified in public schools.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710)
2 is added to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 6.1. HOMELESS YOUTH BASIC MATERIAL NEEDS
6 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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8 13710. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the
9 Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance Program.

10 13712. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
11 apply:

12 (a) "Basic material needs assistance" means school supplies,
13 dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes, clothes,
14 blankets, and other basic material needs.

15 (b) "Department" means the State Department of Social
16 Services.

17 (c) "Homeless" has the same meaning as that term is defined
18 in Section 11302 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

1 (d) “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation
2 qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section
3 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

4 (e) “Program” means the Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs
5 Assistance Program.

6 13714. From moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the
7 purpose of this chapter, the department shall allocate a
8 proportional amount to each county based on that county’s
9 respective number of homeless youth. The moneys allocated to the
10 county shall be used to establish a Homeless Youth Basic Material
11 Needs Assistance Program for the county.

12 13716. (a) Each county that elects to establish a program shall
13 solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations for the purpose of
14 providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth in
15 the manner directed by the county, subject to any requirements
16 imposed by this chapter.

17 (b) The county shall contract with one or more nonprofit
18 organizations to participate in the program based on the proposals
19 solicited under subdivision (a). Selection shall be based on the
20 nonprofit organization’s demonstrated ability to meet the goals
21 of the program, including, but not limited to an ability to form
22 partnerships with local education agencies (LEAs).

23 (c) The county shall require each contracted nonprofit
24 organization to do all of the following:

25 (1) Assist homeless youth through partnerships with LEAs,
26 which shall be formed to provide basic material needs assistance
27 to homeless youth.

28 (2) Give priority to providing school supplies and dental
29 supplies and other hygienic products to homeless youth.

30 (3) Consult with the county’s children and family commission
31 to determine how to best provide basic material needs assistance
32 to homeless youth from birth to 5 years of age, inclusive, if the
33 county elects to include homeless youth of that age in its program.

34 (d) The county shall encourage each contracted nonprofit
35 organization to do both of the following:

36 (1) Provide at least a 20-percent match for all moneys received
37 from the county.

38 (2) Work with the homeless liaison or liaisons of each LEA
39 pursuant to the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance

1 Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.), or his, her, or their
2 LEA-employed designee.

3 (e) If a county elects not to establish a program or a county
4 requests the department to administer its program, the department
5 shall retain the moneys allocated to the county pursuant to Section
6 13714 and shall directly administer a program for homeless youth
7 in that county and perform the tasks assigned to the county under
8 this section.

9 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
10 ~~legislation that would create the Basic Materials Needs for~~
11 ~~Homeless Youth Act and would do all of the following:~~

12 ~~(a) Enable the state to provide basic materials needs assistance~~
13 ~~for homeless youth identified in public schools.~~

14 ~~(b) Define the term “homeless” to have the same meaning~~
15 ~~provided in the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance~~
16 ~~Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).~~

17 ~~(c) Define the term “basic materials needs assistance” to mean~~
18 ~~school supplies, dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes,~~
19 ~~clothes, blankets, and other basic needs materials.~~

20 ~~(d) Give priority to providing school supplies, dental supplies,~~
21 ~~and other hygienic products to homeless youth.~~