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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2591

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

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An act 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~~ *Material* 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 *to be used to establish a program in the county. The bill would authorize a county to join with one or more other counties for the purpose of pooling their respective allocations and establishing a program for those counties*

and would also require the department to retain the moneys allocated to a county and establish a program for that county if a county elects not to establish a program or requests the department to administer its program. The bill would require a county that elects to establish a each program to solicit proposals from and contract with nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing basic-materials material needs assistance to homeless youth in the county or counties as directed by the-county entity administering the program and would require contracted nonprofit organizations to consult with the-county’s children and family commission of the county or counties, as specified, if the county entity administering the program 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.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: 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) “Administering entity” means one of the following:

13 (1) A county that elects to establish a program and does not
 14 join with another county as described in subdivision (c) of Section
 15 13714.

16 (2) The department, in the case of a county that elects not to
 17 establish a program or requests the department to administer its
 18 program.

1 (3) *The counties that elect to establish a program jointly under*
2 *subdivision (c) of Section 13714.*

3 ~~(a)~~

4 (b) “Basic material needs assistance” means school supplies,
5 dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes, clothes,
6 blankets, and other basic material needs.

7 ~~(b)~~

8 (c) “Department” means the State Department of Social
9 Services.

10 ~~(e)~~

11 (d) “Homeless” has the same meaning as that term is defined
12 in Section 11302 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

13 ~~(d)~~

14 (e) “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation
15 qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section
16 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

17 ~~(e)~~

18 (f) “Program” means the Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs
19 Assistance Program.

20 13714. (a) From moneys appropriated by the Legislature for
21 the purpose of this chapter, the department shall allocate a
22 proportional amount to each county based on that county’s
23 respective number of homeless youth. The moneys allocated to
24 the county shall be used to establish a Homeless Youth Basic
25 Material Needs Assistance Program for the county.

26 (b) *If a county elects not to establish a program or requests the*
27 *department to administer its program, the department shall retain*
28 *the moneys allocated to the county pursuant to subdivision (a) and*
29 *shall directly administer a program for homeless youth in that*
30 *county.*

31 (c) *A county may join with one or more other counties for the*
32 *purpose of pooling the allocations made to the counties under this*
33 *section and establishing a Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs*
34 *Assistance Program for those counties.*

35 13716. ~~(a) Each county that elects to establish a program~~
36 ~~program established under this chapter shall solicit do all of the~~
37 ~~following:~~

38 (a) *Solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations for the purpose*
39 *of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth in*

1 the manner directed by the ~~county~~ *administering entity*, subject to
2 any requirements imposed by this chapter.

3 (b) ~~The county shall contract~~ *Contract* with one or more
4 nonprofit organizations to participate in the program based on the
5 proposals solicited under subdivision (a). Selection shall be based
6 on the nonprofit organization’s demonstrated ability to meet the
7 goals of the program, including, but not limited to, an ability to
8 form partnerships with local education agencies (LEAs).

9 (c) ~~The county shall require~~ *Require* each ~~contracted~~ nonprofit
10 organization *contracted under subdivision (b)* to do all of the
11 following:

12 (1) Assist homeless youth through partnerships with LEAs,
13 which shall be formed to provide basic material needs assistance
14 to homeless youth.

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

17 (3) Consult with the ~~county’s~~ children and family commission
18 *of the county or counties served by the program* to determine how
19 to best provide basic material needs assistance to homeless youth
20 from birth to 5 years of age, inclusive, if the ~~county~~ *administering*
21 *entity* elects to include homeless youth of that age in its program.

22 (d) ~~The county shall encourage~~ *Encourage* each ~~contracted~~
23 nonprofit organization *contracted under subdivision (b)* to do both
24 of the following:

25 (1) Provide at least a 20-percent match for all moneys received
26 from the ~~county~~ *administering entity under this chapter*.

27 (2) Work with the homeless liaison or liaisons of each LEA
28 pursuant to the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance
29 Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.), or his, her, or their
30 LEA-employed designee.

31 (e) ~~If a county elects not to establish a program or a county~~
32 ~~requests the department to administer its program, the department~~
33 ~~shall retain the moneys allocated to the county pursuant to Section~~
34 ~~13714 and shall directly administer a program for homeless youth~~
35 ~~in that county and perform the tasks assigned to the county under~~
36 ~~this section.~~

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