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SENATE BILL

No. 636

Introduced by Senator Liu

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Weber)

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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

SB 636, as amended, Liu. Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance.

Existing law establishes various public social services programs to provide 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. 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 Material Needs Assistance Program. This bill would require that~~ *require, from* moneys appropriated by the ~~Legislature~~ *Legislature, as specified*, for the purposes of the ~~program be allocated proportionally by program~~, the State Department of Social Services to ~~each county program based on~~

~~the number of homeless youth in the county. The bill would authorize a county to establish the program or request the department to administer the program, in which case the department would be required to retain the county's proportional share of funds and directly administer a program in that 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.~~ *establish and operate a Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance Program for homeless youth in California.* The bill would require ~~each program~~ *the department* to solicit proposals from, and contract with, nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth ~~in the county or counties~~ as directed by ~~the entity administering the program.~~ *department.* The bill would require contracted nonprofit organizations to, among other things, provide a minimum of ~~25%~~ *100%* matching funds, as specified. The bill would require each contracted nonprofit *organization* to prepare a report for ~~the administering entity~~ *department* including, among other information, the number of homeless youth assisted. The bill would ~~require the department,~~ *require,* after the program has been operating for 3 years, ~~to issue each contracted nonprofit organization to issue and provide to the department, and the department to collect and issue,~~ a report including, among other information, the number of homeless youth assisted each year, and a description of the assistance provided.

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. The Legislature finds and declares
2 that it is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated by
3 the Legislature for this ~~program~~ *act* not exceed ~~an average~~
4 ~~allocation of twenty-five dollars and twenty cents (\$25.20) per~~
5 ~~pupil, with the assumption of a participation rate of not more than~~
6 ~~297,619 homeless youth, or the number from the most recent count~~
7 ~~of homeless youth, whichever is lesser.~~ *five million dollars*
8 ~~(\$5,000,000) each year.~~
9 SEC. 2. Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710) is added
10 to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to
11 read:

CHAPTER 6.1. HOMELESS YOUTH BASIC MATERIAL NEEDS
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

(a) ~~“Additional material needs assistance” means clothes, blankets, and access to shelter.~~

(b) ~~“Administering entity” means one of the following:~~

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

(2) ~~A county designated as the lead county, if two or more counties elect to establish a program jointly under subdivision (b) of Section 13714.~~

(3) ~~The department, if a county declines to establish a program or requests the department to administer the program.~~

(c)

(a) “Basic material needs assistance” means school supplies, dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes, socks, and underwear. *This shall not include any electronic items except a data storage device that includes flash memory with an integrated Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface.*

(d)

(b) “Department” means the State Department of Social Services.

(e)

(c) “Homeless youth” has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 11434a of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(f)

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

(g)

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

13714. (a) From moneys appropriated by the Legislature *from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant* for the purpose of this chapter, the department shall ~~allocate a~~

1 proportional amount to each county program pursuant to this
2 chapter based on that county's respective number of homeless
3 youth. The moneys allocated to the county shall be used to establish
4 and operate a Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance
5 Program for homeless youth in that county. *California.*

6 (b) ~~A county may join with one or more other counties for the~~
7 ~~purpose of pooling the allocations made to the counties under this~~
8 ~~section and establishing a program for those counties.~~

9 (c) ~~If a county declines to establish a program or requests the~~
10 ~~department to administer the program, the department shall retain~~
11 ~~the county's proportional share of funds and shall directly~~
12 ~~administer a program for homeless youth in that county, including~~
13 ~~contracting with a nonprofit and performing all duties set forth in~~
14 ~~this chapter.~~

15 (b) *No more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be*
16 *appropriated in a single year to fund this program. TANF funds*
17 *appropriated to counties for the purposes of administering the*
18 *CalWORKs program, food assistance, or housing shall not be*
19 *reallocated for purposes of this program. The program shall not*
20 *provide vouchers, cash aid, or other forms of currency to homeless*
21 *youth.*

22 13716. ~~Each administering entity~~ *The department shall do all*
23 *of the following:*

24 (a) Solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations for the purpose
25 of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth in
26 the manner directed by the ~~administering entity, department,~~
27 subject to the requirements imposed by this chapter.

28 (b) Select and contract with one or more nonprofit organizations
29 to participate in the program based on the proposals solicited under
30 subdivision (a). Selection of a nonprofit organization shall be based
31 on the following criteria:

32 (1) Demonstrated ability to form partnerships with local
33 educational agencies (LEAs).

34 (2) Demonstrated ability to provide basic material needs
35 assistance to homeless or low-income youth by working with
36 LEAs.

37 (3) Ability to work with the homeless liaison of each LEA
38 pursuant to Section 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) of Title 42 of the United
39 States Code, or his or her LEA-employed designee.

(4) Demonstrated ability to generate additional matching funds or in-kind resources for similar programs.

(c) Require each nonprofit organization contracted under subdivision (b) to do all of the following:

(1) Notify the homeless liaison of a county office of education of the organization's intent to enter into new partnership agreements with the LEAs in that county.

(2) Form or maintain partnerships with LEAs for the purpose of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth.

(3) Notify the homeless liaison of a county office of education each time a basic material needs assistance program commences or is renewed.

(4) Provide basic material needs assistance to homeless youth, giving first priority to hygiene, dental, and school supply needs. ~~A nonprofit organization may use other resources or demonstrated savings to provide additional material needs assistance.~~

(5) Provide at least a ~~25-percent~~ *100-percent* match for all moneys received from the ~~administering entity~~ *department* under this chapter. If the nonprofit organization provides in-kind materials toward the ~~25-percent~~ *100-percent* match, the value of the in-kind materials contributing to a ~~25-percent~~ *100-percent* match shall be verified by the donor of the materials and shall not exceed the market value of the materials if sold at retail. ~~Any amounts provided by the nonprofit organization that exceed the 25-percent match constitute demonstrated savings that may be used in accordance with paragraph (4).~~

(6) Consult with the children and families commission of the ~~county or counties~~ *each county* served by the program to determine how to best provide basic material needs assistance to homeless youth from birth to five years of age, inclusive, if the ~~administering entity~~ *department* elects to include homeless youth of that age in its program.

(7) Following each distribution cycle, ~~each contracted nonprofit shall prepare a report for the administering entity.~~ *department.* The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(A) The number of homeless youth assisted.

(B) The locations of the distributions.

(C) The date or range of dates of distributions.

(D) Descriptions of the materials distributed.

1 (E) A letter from each LEA, shelter, or other partnering entity,
2 verifying the information submitted pursuant to subparagraphs (A)
3 ~~through~~ to (D), inclusive.

4 (F) ~~Original—~~*Copies of original* letters from all donors
5 contributing any in-kind materials counting toward the required
6 match.

7 13718. After three years of operation of the program, *each*
8 *contracted nonprofit shall issue and provide to the department,*
9 *and the department shall*~~issue~~ *collect and issue*, a simplified report
10 including the following information:

11 (a) The number of homeless youth assisted each year.

12 (b) A description of the assistance provided.

13 (c) ~~The total match leveraged and the match leveraged by each~~
14 ~~county.~~ *leveraged, including the accounting of the match over the*
15 *three-year period.*

16 (d) A scanned or paper copy of the original letters from each
17 LEA or other partner, as described in paragraph (7) of subdivision
18 (c) of Section 13716.

19 (e) Any significant achievements in absenteeism reduction,
20 improved academic outcomes, improved living or social outcomes,
21 and any other significant improvements.