

Senate Bill No. 1739

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CHAPTER _____

An act relating to youth.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1739, Chesbro. Homeless youth emergency services projects.

Existing law provides for the Homeless Youth Act of 1985, which requires the Office of Criminal Justice Planning to enter into grant award agreements with private nonprofit organizations for the establishment of homeless youth emergency services projects.

This bill would require the office to conduct a designated evaluation of programs designed to serve runaway and homeless youth and submit the evaluation, with certain recommendations and plans for statewide implementation of the recommendations, to the Legislature on or before June 1, 2001.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that there is a need to conduct a coordinated evaluation of programs in California that are designed to serve runaway and homeless youth.

(b) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall conduct an evaluation, in coordination with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Region IX, Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, of programs designed to serve runaway and homeless youth. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the programs funded by the state shelter project and basic center programs funded by the Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The evaluation shall address all of the following as they relate to runaway and homeless youth



who are currently served by emergency shelter programs:

- (1) Demographic profiles.
- (2) Agencies or sources from which youth are referred.
- (3) Assessment of youth service needs related to the provision of emergency services to homeless and runaway youth.
- (4) Location of youth residences relative to project location where youth services are available.
- (5) Services provided to youth.
- (6) Accessibility of services, including, but not limited to, mental health and substance abuse services.
- (7) Coordination of programs with other service providers.
- (8) Gaps in services.
- (9) To the extent available, information about outcomes and results of existent programs.
- (10) Duplication of services.

(c) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall complete, or shall have completed pursuant to a contract, the evaluation required under subdivision (b) and submit the evaluation to the Legislature on or before June 1, 2001, with recommendations for ways to improve existing programs designed to serve runaway and homeless youth, ways to remedy identified gaps in services, and a plan for statewide implementation of the recommendations. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall consult with state and regional organizations representing youth service providers, youth advocates, clients, and representatives of law enforcement.



Approved _____, 2000

Governor

