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DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98] (*Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.*)

PART 3. AID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE [11000 - 15771] (*Part 3 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.*)

CHAPTER 6. Homeless Youth Emergency Service Pilot Projects [13700 - 13703] (*Chapter 6 added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1445, Sec. 2.*)

13700. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) There are homeless minors living on the streets of major urban centers in this state without adequate food, shelter, health care, or financial support.
- (b) Many of these homeless youth in these urban centers come from out-of-city or out-of-county locations.
- (c) The homeless child, in many instances, has a history of physical or sexual abuse at home, and of having been rejected or forced out of the parental home.
- (d) While living on the streets, these youth fall prey to drug abuse, prostitution, and other illegal activities.
- (e) Local public agencies are unable to provide these youth with an adequate level or range of remedial services.
- (f) These homeless minors are urgently in need of specialized services to locate them, to assist them with their immediate survival needs, and to address their long-term need to reunite with their parents or find a suitable home.
- (g) Two homeless youth emergency service pilot programs, one in the City of Los Angeles, and one in the City and County of San Francisco, have demonstrated the need for ongoing programs to meet the needs of homeless minors and the effectiveness of these programs in meeting these needs.

The purpose of this chapter is therefore to maintain one homeless youth emergency project in the County of Los Angeles and one in the City and County of San Francisco, where the problem is most acute, and to the extent funds are appropriated in the Budget Act of 1991, to establish additional homeless youth emergency service pilot projects pursuant to this chapter. It is the further purpose of this chapter to examine the condition of homeless youth in major urban areas of this state with populations of 500,000 or more, as well as other urban, suburban, and rural areas, and develop a profile of homeless youth in terms of background and available services, in order to locate these youth, to provide for their emergency survival needs, and to assist them in reunification with their parents or in finding a suitable home.

(*Amended by Stats. 1991, Ch. 1091, Sec. 164.*)

13700.5. For purposes of this chapter, "office" means the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1445, Sec. 2.*)

13701. Each homeless youth project established under this chapter shall provide services which shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Food and access to an overnight shelter.
- (b) Counseling to address immediate emotional crises or problems.
- (c) Outreach services to locate homeless youth and link them with services, and drop-in facilities to make the services accessible to the street population.
- (d) Screening for basic health needs and referral to public and private agencies for health care.
- (e) Linkage to other services offered by public and private agencies.
- (f) Long-term stabilization planning so that the youth may be returned to the parental home under circumstances favoring long-term reunification with the family, or so that the youth can be suitably placed in a situation outside the family when family reunification is

not possible.

(g) Followup services to ensure that the return to the family or the placement outside the family is stable.

(Amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 288, Sec. 2. Effective July 7, 1988.)

13703. (a) One homeless youth emergency service project shall be established in the County of Los Angeles and one shall be established in the City and County of San Francisco. One homeless youth emergency service project shall also be established in the County of San Diego and one shall be established in the County of Santa Clara. Each project may have one central location or may have more than one location in the service area in order to serve effectively the area population of homeless youth. Each project shall be operated by an agency in accordance with the grant award agreement with the office.

(b) The office shall prepare and disseminate a request for proposals for grantees under this chapter by February 15, 1986. The office shall enter into grant award agreements, and the operation of pilot projects shall begin, not later than June 1, 1986. With respect to projects to be established in the County of San Diego and the County of Santa Clara, the office shall prepare and disseminate a request for proposals for grantees under this chapter by March 31, 1992. The office shall enter into grant award agreements and the operation of these projects shall begin not later than July 1, 1992.

(c) An agency eligible to apply for funds under this chapter and to operate a homeless youth emergency service project shall be a private, nonprofit agency with a demonstrated record of success in the delivery of services to homeless youth. The agency selected for each project shall demonstrate the ability to provide each of the services described in Section 13701, either directly or under subcontract with a competent provider. Preference shall be given to agencies that demonstrate a history of coordination with other public and private agencies in the service region that provide services to homeless youth. Preference shall also be given to agencies that will involve a network of youth-serving agencies in the delivery of services to homeless youth under this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 1396, Sec. 2.)