

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Gallegos, Gelser, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett, Tomei

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/10, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies age of runaway and homeless youth for purposes of Department of Human Services (DHS) assistance. Clarifies age of children as 0 through 17 years, and youth as 18 through 20 who “continue to be or who become homeless”.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Homeless youth
- System of support and services for youth who are 18 through 20
- Youth seeking emancipation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: National studies have reported an increase in homeless and runaway youth during the recession. Over the last decade, many states have adopted a number of policies to address runaway and homeless youth. House Bill 3244 A modifies the age of runaway and homeless youth for whom the Department of Human Services must recommend policies for system of services and support.