

SUBCHAPTER III—RUNAWAY AND
HOMELESS YOUTH

§ 5701. Findings

The Congress finds that—

(1) youth who have become homeless or who leave and remain away from home without parental permission, are at risk of developing, and have a disproportionate share of, serious health, behavioral, and emotional problems because they lack sufficient resources to obtain care and may live on the street for extended periods thereby endangering themselves and creating a substantial law enforcement problem for communities in which they congregate;

(2) many such young people, because of their age and situation, are urgently in need of temporary shelter and services, including services that are linguistically appropriate and acknowledge the environment of youth seeking these services;

(3) services to such young people should be developed and provided using a positive youth development approach that ensures a young person a sense of—

- (A) safety and structure;
- (B) belonging and membership;
- (C) self-worth and social contribution;
- (D) independence and control over one's life; and
- (E) closeness in interpersonal relationships.¹

(4) in view of the interstate nature of the problem, it is the responsibility of the Federal Government to develop an accurate national reporting system to report the problem, and to assist in the development of an effective system of care (including preventive and after-care services, emergency shelter services, extended residential shelter, and street outreach services) outside the welfare system and the law enforcement system;

(5) to make a successful transition to adulthood, runaway youth, homeless youth, and other street youth need opportunities to complete high school or earn a general equivalency degree, learn job skills, and obtain employment; and

(6) improved coordination and collaboration between the Federal programs that serve runaway and homeless youth are necessary for the development of a long-term strategy for responding to the needs of this population.

(Pub. L. 93-415, title III, §302, Sept. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1129; Pub. L. 102-586, §3(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5017; Pub. L. 106-71, §3(a), Oct. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1035; Pub. L. 108-96, title I, §101, Oct. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1167; Pub. L. 110-378, §2, Oct. 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 4068.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pars. (3) to (6). Pub. L. 110-378 added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) to (5) as (4) to (6), respectively.

2003—Pub. L. 108-96 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section contained congressional statement of findings.

1999—Par. (5). Pub. L. 106-71, §3(a)(1), substituted “an accurate national reporting system to report the problem, and to assist in the development of” for “accurate reporting of the problem nationally and to develop”.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 106-71, §3(a)(2), added par. (8) and struck out former par. (8) which read as follows: “in view of the interstate nature of the problem, it is the responsibility of the Federal Government to develop an accurate national reporting system and to develop an effective system of care including prevention, emergency shelter services, and longer residential care outside the public welfare and law enforcement structures;”.

1992—Par. (1). Pub. L. 102-586, §3(a)(1), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “the number of juveniles who leave and remain away from home without parental permission has increased to alarming proportions, creating a substantial law enforcement problem for the communities inundated, and significantly endangering the young people who are without resources and live on the street;”.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 102-586, §3(a)(3), substituted “care (including preventive services, emergency shelter services, and extended residential shelter) outside the welfare system and the law enforcement system;” for “temporary care outside the law enforcement structure.”

Pars. (6) to (10). Pub. L. 102-586, §3(a)(2), (4), added pars. (6) to (10).

SHORT TITLE

For short title of title III of Pub. L. 93-415, which enacted this subchapter, as the “Runaway and Homeless Youth Act”, see section 301 of Pub. L. 93-415, as amended, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

REPORT ON PROMISING STRATEGIES TO END YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS

Pub. L. 108-96, title I, §118, Oct. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1170, provided that: “Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 10, 2003], the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, shall submit to the Congress a report on promising strategies to end youth homelessness.”

§ 5702. Promulgation of rules

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Secretary”) may issue such rules as the Secretary considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 93-415, title III, §303, Sept. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1130; Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §650, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2122.)

AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-473 substituted “Health and Human Services” for “Health, Education, and Welfare” and “issue such rules as the Secretary” for “prescribe such rules as he”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-473 effective Oct. 12, 1984, see section 670(a) of Pub. L. 98-473, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

PART A—BASIC CENTER GRANT PROGRAM

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-96, title I, §102, Oct. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1168, substituted in part A heading “BASIC CENTER” for “RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7272(1), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4454, substituted in part A heading “RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM” for “GRANTS PROGRAM”.

¹ So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.