

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 133—ASSEMBLYWOMAN  
BENITEZ-THOMPSON

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing runaway or homeless youth. (BDR 38-399)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public welfare; revising the definition of the term “runaway or homeless youth” for certain purposes; requiring every county to provide care, support and relief to a runaway or homeless youth; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law provides that a youth shelter and its director, employees, agents or volunteers are immune from liability based on any act or failure to act while admitting, releasing or caring for a runaway or homeless youth, not amounting to gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct. (NRS 244.429) Existing law defines the term “runaway or homeless youth” to mean a person who is under 18 years of age and is living in certain situations outside of a permanent home. (NRS 244.424) **Section 2** of this bill redefines the term “runaway or homeless youth” to mean a person living in such situations who is under 24 years of age.

Existing law requires every county to provide care, support and relief to the poor, indigent, incompetent and those incapacitated by age, disease, accident or motor vehicle crash who lack other means of support. (NRS 428.010) **Section 1** of this bill specifically requires every county to provide care, support and relief to runaway or homeless youth who lack other means of support.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 428.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

428.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 422.382, to the extent that money may be lawfully appropriated by the board of county commissioners for this purpose pursuant to NRS 428.050, 428.285 and 450.425, every county shall provide care, support and relief to *runaway or homeless youth*, the poor, indigent ~~and~~ and incompetent and those incapacitated by age, disease, accident or motor vehicle crash, lawfully resident therein, when those persons are not supported or relieved by their relatives or guardians, by their own means, or by state hospitals, or other state, federal or private institutions or agencies.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 439B.330, the boards of county commissioners of the several counties shall establish and approve policies and standards, prescribe a uniform standard of eligibility, appropriate money for this purpose and appoint agents who will develop regulations and administer these programs to provide care, support and relief to *runaway or homeless youth*, the poor, indigent ~~and~~ and incompetent and those incapacitated by age, disease, accident or motor vehicle crash.

*3. As used in this section, "runaway or homeless youth" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 244.424.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 244.424 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.424 "Runaway or homeless youth" means a youth who:

1. Is under ~~18~~ 24 years of age; and

2. Lives in a situation described in 42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)(B)(ii)-(iii) with or without the consent or knowledge of his or her parent, guardian or custodian.

**Sec. 3.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

