
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 100
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SUBJECT: California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims the month of November 2025 as California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month to recognize the need for individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments, and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless youth in California.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Runaway and homeless youth are young people between 12 to 24 years of age, inclusive, who have the least access to essential opportunities and supports.
- 2) Based on national surveys and California's youth population, an estimated 200,000 youth under 18 years of age, and thousands more who are 18 to 24 years of age, inclusive, are homeless for one or more days each year.
- 3) The percentage of unaccompanied homeless youth who are unsheltered in California stands at 60%, which is the second highest in the country. California also has 24% of the homeless youth in the country, the largest number of homeless youth of any state.
- 4) Runaway and homeless youth who live on the street are victims of physical abuse, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and crime in untold numbers. An estimated 300,000 youth are either victims or at risk of becoming victims of the commercial sexual exploitation of children each year, which 60% of these victimized children are homeless.

- 5) Providing safe, stable, and permanent housing for runaway and homeless youth is a family, community, state, and national priority, and homeless youth are considered one of the unique populations in the homeless community by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- 6) When targeted resources are invested, we see a significant increase in the number of communities with youth-specific housing and programs that will help prevent youth from becoming chronically homeless. California has increased the number of youth beds from 3,159 in 2015 to 7,033 in 2024.

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FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/20/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/20/25)

None received

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