
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 197
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates the month of November 2026 as California Youth HOPE Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Based on the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2025 point-in-time homeless count, the number of unaccompanied homeless youth in California is 8,086, and there are another 1,683 parenting youth and their children experiencing homelessness. California's K–12 educational system, which captures youth doubled-up or couch surfing, reported 9,713 unaccompanied homeless youth, of which 614 were temporarily unsheltered, in the 2024–25 school year. While a study released in November 2017 by the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall found 1 in 10 young adults between 18 and 25 years of age, and at least 1 in 30 adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age, experiences homelessness over the course of a year.
- 2) The California Coalition for Youth has operated the California Youth Crisis Line (1-800-843-5200), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for over 40 years as the state's only emergency response system for youth in crisis, and which began offering chat-to-text counseling services in 2016. November is National Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month.
- 3) 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 6,547 in 2025.

This resolution recognizes the need for individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments, and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless youth in California.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 100 (Arreguin, Resolution Chapter 185, Statutes of 2025)

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/11/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/11/26)

None received

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