

Date of Hearing: August 24, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 197 (Arreguín) – As Introduced August 10, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

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

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of November 2026 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. Specifically, **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) The prevalence of runaways and homelessness among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that nationally 4.2 million youth up to 25 years of age experience some form of homelessness each year, of which an overrepresentation, compared to the general youth population, are youth of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.
- 3) The percentage of unaccompanied homeless youth who are unsheltered in California stands at 57 percent, which is the fourth highest in the country. California also has 23 percent of the homeless youth in the country, the largest number of homeless youth of any state.
- 4) Runaway and homeless youth flee conflict, abuse, neglect, or increasingly, poverty in their homes. They have become disconnected from educational systems and the workforce and do not have the skills and financial resources to live on their own. The factors impacting youth homelessness are complex and differ from those impacting other homeless populations.
- 5) 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.
- 6) November is National Youth HOPE Month. The California Coalition for Youth, along with other community-based organizations, providers, and advocates, are sponsoring California's 15th annual Youth HOPE Month to increase awareness and action on behalf of youth at risk or currently living on the street.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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