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Relating to runaway, homeless, and missing youth.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the problem of runaway, homeless, and missing youth continues to be a great concern in Alaska and the nation; and

WHEREAS runaway behavior has been associated with child physical and sexual abuse, alcohol and drug abuse, problems in school, mental and emotional problems, juvenile delinquency, prostitution and other child exploitation, suicide, and other problems of troubled youth; and

WHEREAS urban statistics show that the runaway rate in Alaska is several times the national average; and

WHEREAS the people of Alaska have risen to the challenge posed by runaway youth and the need to reunite them with their families through the work of the Anchorage Runaway and Homeless Youth Task Force, the Governor's Interim Commission on Children and Youth, various runaway programs and studies, and through legislation; and

WHEREAS adequate funding is critical to the programs and services that combat the problems of runaway youth; and

WHEREAS the federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, (42 U.S.C.5701-5751) authorizes the federal government to make grants to states, localities, and nonprofit agencies for services related to runaway, homeless, and missing youth; and

WHEREAS the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, originally authorized in 1974, is up for Congressional reauthorization this year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and to make the appropriations necessary to adequately combat the problem of runaway, homeless, and missing youth in our society.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Christopher J. Dodd, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Children, Family, Drugs, and Alcoholism; the Honorable Dale E. Kildee, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Human Resources; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.