S. 2800

To amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. Murray (for herself and Mr. Franken) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
 - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Educational Success
 - 5 for Children and Youth Without Homes Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND 2 YOUTHS. 3 Subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) is amended 5 to read as follows: "Subtitle B—Education for 6 **Homeless Children and Youths** 7 8 "SEC. 721. STATEMENT OF POLICY. 9 "The following is the policy of Congress: "(1) Each State and local educational agency 10 11 shall ensure that each homeless child and youth has 12 access to the same free appropriate public education, 13 including a public preschool education, as is provided 14 to other children and youths. 15 "(2) In any State where compulsory residency 16 requirements or other requirements of laws, regula-17 tions, practices, or policies may act as a barrier to 18 the identification, enrollment, attendance, or success 19 in school of homeless children and youths, the State 20 and local educational agencies shall review and re-21 vise such laws, regulations, practices, or policies to 22 ensure that homeless children and youths are af-23 forded the same free appropriate public education as

is provided to other children and youths.

- 1 "(3) Homelessness is not a sufficient reason to 2 separate students from the mainstream school envi-3 ronment. "(4) Homeless children and youths shall have 5 access to the education and other services that such 6 children and youths need to ensure that such chil-7 dren and youths have an opportunity to meet the 8 same challenging State student academic achieve-9 ment standards to which all students are held.
- 10 "SEC. 722. GRANTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES FOR
- 11 THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN
- 12 AND YOUTHS.
- 13 "(a) General Authority.—The Secretary is au-
- 14 thorized to make grants to States from allotments made
- 15 under subsection (c) and in accordance with this section
- 16 to enable such States to carry out the activities described
- 17 in subsections (d) through (h).
- 18 "(b) APPLICATION.—In order for a State to be eligi-
- 19 ble to receive a grant under this section, the State edu-
- 20 cational agency, in consultation with other relevant State
- 21 agencies, shall submit an application to the Secretary at
- 22 such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied
- 23 by such information as the Secretary may reasonably re-
- 24 quire.
- 25 "(c) Allocation and Reservations.—

1	"(1) Allocation.—
2	"(A) In general.—Subject to subpara-
3	graph (C), the Secretary is authorized to allot
4	to each State an amount that bears the same
5	ratio to the amount appropriated for such year
6	under section 726 that remains after the Sec-
7	retary reserves funds under paragraph (2) and
8	uses funds to carry out section 724 (d) and (h),
9	as the amount allocated under section 1122 of
10	the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
11	of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6332) to the State for that
12	year bears to the total amount allocated under
13	section 1122 of such Act to all States for that
14	year, except as provided in subparagraph (B).
15	"(B) MINIMUM ALLOTMENTS.—No State
16	shall receive less under this paragraph than the
17	greater of—
18	"(i) \$300,000; or
19	"(ii) one-fourth of 1 percent of the
20	amount appropriated under section 726 for
21	that year.
22	"(C) Ratable reduction for insuffi-
23	CIENT FUNDS.—If there are insufficient funds
24	in a fiscal year to allot to each State the min-

imum amount under subparagraph (B), the

Secretary shall ratably reduce the allotments to all States based on the proportionate share that each State received under this subsection for the preceding fiscal year.

"(2) Reservations.—

"(A) STUDENTS IN TERRITORIES.—The Secretary is authorized to reserve 0.1 percent of the amount appropriated for each fiscal year under section 726 to be allocated by the Secretary among the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, according to their respective needs for assistance under this subtitle, as determined by the Secretary. Funds allocated under this subparagraph shall be used for programs that are consistent with the purposes of the programs described in this subtitle.

"(B) Indian students.—

"(i) Transfer.—The Secretary shall transfer 1 percent of the amount appropriated for each fiscal year under section 726 to the Department of the Interior for programs that are for Indian students served by schools funded by the Secretary

1 of the Interior, as determined under the 2 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), 3 and that are consistent with the purposes of the programs described in this subtitle. 6 "(ii) AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of 7 Education and the Secretary of the Inte-8 rior shall enter into an agreement, con-9 sistent with the requirements of this sub-10 title, for the distribution and use of the 11 funds described in clause (i) under terms 12 that the Secretary of Education determines 13 best meet the purposes of the programs de-14 scribed in this subtitle. Such agreement 15 shall set forth the plans of the Secretary of 16 the Interior for the use of the funds trans-17 ferred, including appropriate goals, objec-18 tives, and milestones for that use. 19 "(d) State Activities.—Grant funds from a grant made to a State under this section shall be used for the 20 21 following: 22 "(1) To carry out the policies set forth in sec-23 tion 721 in the State. 24 "(2) To provide activities and services to im-25 prove the identification of homeless children and

1	youths and enable such children and youths to enroll
2	in, attend, and succeed in school and preschool pro-
3	grams.
4	"(3) To establish or designate an Office of the
5	Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and
6	Youths in the State educational agency in accord-
7	ance with subsection (f) that has sufficient capacity,
8	resources, and support to carry out the duties de-
9	scribed in this subtitle.
10	"(4) To prepare and carry out the State plan
11	described in subsection (g).
12	"(5) To develop and implement professional de-
13	velopment activities for liaisons designated under
14	subsection (g)(1)(J)(ii), other local educational agen-
15	cy and school personnel, and community agencies—
16	"(A) to improve their identification of
17	homeless children and youths; and
18	"(B) to heighten their awareness of, and
19	capacity to respond to, specific problems in the
20	education of homeless children and youths.
21	"(e) STATE AND LOCAL SUBGRANTS.—
22	"(1) Minimum disbursements by states.—
23	From the grant funds made available each year to
24	a State under subsection (a) to carry out this sub-
25	title, the State educational agency shall distribute

1	not less than 75 percent by making subgrants under
2	section 723 to local educational agencies for the pur-
3	poses of carrying out section 723.
4	"(2) Use by state educational agency.—
5	From the remainder of those grant funds, a State
6	educational agency may use amounts to conduct ac-
7	tivities under subsection (f) directly or through
8	grants or contracts.
9	"(f) Functions of the Office of the Coordi-
10	NATOR.—The Coordinator for Education of Homeless
11	Children and Youths established in each State shall—
12	"(1)(A) gather and make publicly available reli-
13	able, valid, and comprehensive information—
14	"(i) on the number of homeless children
15	and youths identified in the State;
16	"(ii) on the nature and extent of the prob-
17	lems homeless children and youths have in gain-
18	ing access to public preschool programs and to
19	public elementary schools and secondary
20	schools;
21	"(iii) on the difficulties in identifying the
22	special needs and barriers to participation and
23	achievement of such children and youths;
24	"(iv) on any progress made by the State
25	educational agency and local educational agen-

1	cies in the State in addressing such problems
2	and difficulties; and
3	"(v) describing subgrants awarded under
4	this subtitle, and the success of the programs
5	under this subtitle in identifying homeless chil-
6	dren and youths and allowing such children and
7	youths to enroll in, attend, and succeed in,
8	school; and
9	"(B) ensure that a report indicating the num-
10	bers of homeless children and youths identified by
11	each local educational agency in the State shall be
12	posted annually on the State educational agency's
13	website;
14	"(2) develop and carry out the State plan de-
15	scribed in subsection (g);
16	"(3) collect data for and transmit to the Sec-
17	retary, at such time and in such manner as the Sec-
18	retary may require, reports containing such informa-
19	tion as the Secretary determines is necessary to as-
20	sess the educational needs of all homeless children
21	and youths within the State, including data re-
22	quested pursuant to subsection (h) of section 724;
23	"(4) in order to improve identification of home-
24	less children and youths and to improve the provi-

sion of comprehensive education and related support

services to homeless children and youths and their families, and to minimize educational disruption, coordinate activities, and collaborate with—

"(A) educators, including special education personnel, child development and preschool program personnel, truancy, attendance, and dropout prevention personnel, and personnel from programs provided under titles I, III, and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq., 6801 et seq., and 7101 et seq.) and similar State programs;

"(B) providers of services to homeless children and youths and their families, including services of public and private child welfare and social services agencies, law enforcement agencies, juvenile and family courts, agencies providing mental health services, domestic violence agencies, child care providers, runaway and homeless youth centers, and providers of services and programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

"(C) providers of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing to homeless children and youths, and their families, including public

1	housing agencies, shelter operators, operators of
2	transitional housing facilities, and providers of
3	transitional living programs for homeless
4	youths;
5	"(D) local educational agency liaisons des-
6	ignated under subsection $(g)(1)(J)(ii)$ for home-
7	less children and youths;
8	"(E) community organizations and groups
9	representing homeless children and youths and
10	their families;
11	"(F) relevant State agencies and task
12	forces, such as State interagency councils on
13	homelessness, State agencies administering
14	higher education programs and councils for
15	higher education, State housing agencies, emer-
16	gency and disaster response teams, State Head
17	Start collaboration offices, and State advisory
18	panels and State interagency coordinating coun-
19	cils convened under parts B and C of the Indi-
20	viduals With Disabilities Education Act (20
21	U.S.C. 1411 et seq., 1431 et seq.); and
22	"(G) the Coordinators for Education of
23	Homeless Children and Youths in other States,
24	including adjacent States;

"(5) provide professional development and technical assistance to and conduct monitoring of local educational agencies, in coordination with local educational agency liaisons designated under subsection (g)(1)(J)(ii), to ensure that local educational agencies comply with the requirements of paragraphs (3) through (7) of subsection (g), and subsection (h); and

"(6) respond to inquiries from parents and guardians of homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths to ensure that each child or youth who is the subject of such an inquiry receives the full protections and services provided by this subtitle.

"(g) STATE PLAN.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall submit to the Secretary and carry out a plan to provide for education and related support services for all homeless children and youths within the State. Such plan shall include the following:

"(A) A description of how such children and youths are (or will be) given the opportunity to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards as all students are expected to meet.

1	"(B) A description of the procedures the
2	State educational agency will use, in coordina-
3	tion with local educational agencies, to identify
4	all such children and youths in the State and
5	to assess their special needs.
6	"(C) A description of procedures for the
7	prompt resolution of disputes arising under this
8	subtitle, which shall—
9	"(i) ensure that local educational
10	agencies have developed dispute resolution
11	procedures which, at a minimum—
12	"(I) are developed in coordina-
13	tion and collaboration with the liai-
14	sons designated under subparagraph
15	(J)(ii);
16	"(II) are accessible to parents
17	and guardians of homeless children
18	and youths, and to unaccompanied
19	youths;
20	"(III) provide such parents,
21	guardians, and unaccompanied youths
22	with sufficient opportunity to present
23	their complaints; and

1	"(IV) designate decisionmakers
2	who have received training on the re-
3	quirements of this subtitle;
4	"(ii) ensure that parents and guard-
5	ians of homeless children and youths, and
6	unaccompanied youths, who have ex-
7	hausted the procedures available under
8	clause (i) are able to appeal to the State
9	educational agency, which shall render de-
10	cisions that are binding on the relevant
11	local educational agencies;
12	"(iii) define the role of the Coordi-
13	nator for Education of Homeless Children
14	and Youths in resolving disputes under
15	this subtitle appealed to the State edu-
16	cational agency;
17	"(iv) include procedures to resolve
18	promptly disputes under this subtitle be-
19	tween local educational agencies;
20	"(v) ensure that homeless children
21	and youths are enrolled in school pursuant
22	to paragraph (3)(E) and receive transpor-
23	tation pursuant to subparagraph (J)(iii)
24	pending final resolution of disputes, includ-
25	ing resolution through all available local

and State dispute resolution procedures
and pending legal actions, paying particular attention to ensuring enrollment in
cases of disputes between local educational
agencies; and

"(vi) include procedures for State educational agencies or local educational agencies to determine the need for, and ensure the delivery of, additional academic support in cases in which a local educational agency has unlawfully denied a student access to school or school services, including transportation.

"(D) A description of programs for school and other local educational agency personnel (including the liaisons, principals, attendance officers, teachers, enrollment personnel, and pupil services personnel) to heighten the awareness of such personnel of the specific needs of homeless adolescents, including runaway and homeless youths.

"(E) A description of procedures that ensure that homeless children and youths are able to participate in Federal, State, or local nutrition programs.

1	"(F) A description of procedures that en-
2	sure that—
3	"(i) homeless children have access to
4	public preschool programs, administered by
5	the State educational agency or local edu-
6	cational agency, including through the poli-
7	cies and practices required under para-
8	graph (7);
9	"(ii) homeless youths, including
10	youths separated from public schools, are
11	identified and accorded access to appro-
12	priate secondary education and related
13	support services, including through the im-
14	plementation of policies and practices to
15	ensure that such youths are—
16	"(I) able to receive credit for full
17	or partial coursework satisfactorily
18	completed while attending a prior
19	school;
20	"(II) are afforded opportunities
21	to recover credits lost during periods
22	of homelessness; and
23	"(III) are not penalized for ab-
24	sences related to homelessness and

1	are allowed to receive credit for work
2	completed after their enrollment; and
3	"(iii) homeless children and youths
4	who meet the relevant eligibility criteria
5	have access to magnet school, summer
6	school, vocational and technical education,
7	advanced placement, online learning oppor-
8	tunities, and charter school programs.
9	"(G) Strategies to address problems identi-
10	fied in the reports provided to the Secretary
11	under subsection $(f)(3)$.
12	"(H) Strategies to address other problems
13	with respect to the education of homeless chil-
14	dren and youths, including enrollment problems
15	related to—
16	"(i) immunization and other required
17	health records and screenings;
18	"(ii) residency requirements;
19	"(iii) lack of birth certificates, school
20	records, or other documentation;
21	"(iv) guardianship issues; or
22	"(v) uniform or dress code require-
23	ments.
24	"(I) A demonstration that the State edu-
25	cational agency, and local educational agencies

1	and schools in the State, regularly review and
2	revise their policies and practices to remove
3	barriers to the identification, enrollment, at-
4	tendance, retention, and success of homeless
5	children and youths in schools and public pre-
6	school programs in the State.
7	"(J) Assurances that the following will be
8	carried out:
9	"(i) Prevention of stigmas and
10	SEGREGATION.—The State educational
11	agency and local educational agencies in
12	the State will adopt policies and practices
13	to ensure that homeless children and
14	youths are not stigmatized or segregated
15	on the basis of their status as homeless.
16	"(ii) Liaison.—Local educational
17	agencies will designate a staff person as
18	the local educational agency liaison for
19	homeless children and youths, who shall
20	have sufficient training, resources, and
21	time to carry out the duties described in
22	paragraph (6), and who may also be a co-
23	ordinator for other Federal programs.
24	"(iii) Provision of Transpor-

TATION.—The State and local educational

agencies will adopt policies and practices to ensure that transportation is provided expeditiously, at the request of the parent or guardian involved (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison), to and from the school of origin (as defined in paragraph (3)(J)), for as long as the student has the right to attend the school of origin as determined in paragraph (3)(A), in accordance with the following, as applicable:

"(I) WITHIN ONE LOCAL EDU-

"(I) WITHIN ONE LOCAL EDU-CATIONAL AGENCY.—If the child or youth continues to live in the area served by the local educational agency for the school of origin, the child's or youth's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the local educational agency for the school of origin.

"(II) INVOLVING MORE THAN
ONE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—
If the child's or youth's living arrangements in the area served by the
local educational agency of origin ter-

1	minate and the child or youth, though
2	continuing the child's or youth's edu-
3	cation in the school of origin, begins
4	living in an area served by another
5	local educational agency, the local
6	educational agency of origin and the
7	local educational agency for the area
8	in which the child or youth is living
9	shall share equally the cost and re-
10	sponsibility for providing transpor-
11	tation to and from the school of origin
12	unless the agencies agree upon an-
13	other method to apportion cost and
14	responsibility, or the State educational
15	agency has devised another method to
16	apportion cost and responsibility
17	among local educational agencies.
18	"(iv) School success.—The State
19	educational agency and local educational
20	agencies will adopt policies and practices to
21	promote school success for homeless chil-
22	dren and youths, including by—
23	"(I) ensuring that homeless chil-
24	dren and youths have opportunities to
25	meet the same challenging State stu-

1	dent academic achievement standards
2	to which other students are held;
3	"(II) ensuring that homeless chil-
4	dren and youths are able to partici-
5	pate fully in all classes and school ac-
6	tivities, including extracurricular ac-
7	tivities, athletic activities for which
8	they meet skill level requirements, be-
9	fore and after school programs, sum-
10	mer school programs, field trips
11	classes, tests, and activities with fees
12	services provided under title I of the
13	Elementary and Secondary Education
14	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.)
15	and similar State and local programs.
16	and other activities made available to
17	nonhomeless students; and
18	"(III) ensuring that such policies
19	and practices remove barriers to par-
20	ticipation related to fees, credit ac-
21	crual policies, lack of guardianship,
22	lack of transportation, enrollment and
23	participation deadlines, and residency
24	requirements.
25	"(2) Compliance.—

1	"(A) In General.—Each plan adopted
2	under this subsection shall also describe how
3	the State will ensure that local educational
4	agencies in the State will comply with the re-
5	quirements of paragraphs (3) through (7).
6	"(B) COORDINATION.—Such plan shall in-
7	dicate what technical assistance the State will
8	furnish to local educational agencies and how
9	compliance efforts will be coordinated with the
10	local educational agency liaisons designated
11	under paragraph $(1)(J)(ii)$.
12	"(3) Local educational agency require-
13	MENTS.—
14	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The local educational
	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The local educational agency serving each child or youth to be as-
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14 15	agency serving each child or youth to be as-
14 15 16	agency serving each child or youth to be assisted under this subtitle shall, according to the
14 15 16 17	agency serving each child or youth to be assisted under this subtitle shall, according to the child's or youth's best interest—
14 15 16 17	agency serving each child or youth to be assisted under this subtitle shall, according to the child's or youth's best interest— "(i) continue the child's or youth's
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14 15 16 17 18 19	agency serving each child or youth to be assisted under this subtitle shall, according to the child's or youth's best interest— "(i) continue the child's or youth's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness—
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	agency serving each child or youth to be assisted under this subtitle shall, according to the child's or youth's best interest— "(i) continue the child's or youth's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness— "(I) in any case in which the

1	"(II) for the remainder of the
2	academic year, if the child or youth
3	becomes permanently housed during
4	an academic year; or
5	"(ii) enroll the child or youth in any
6	public school that nonhomeless students
7	who live in the attendance area in which
8	the child or youth is actually living are eli-
9	gible to attend.
10	"(B) School stability.—To promote the
11	school stability of the child or youth, and in de-
12	termining the best interest of the child or youth
13	under subparagraph (A), the local educational
14	agency shall—
15	"(i) presume that keeping the child or
16	youth in the school of origin is in the
17	child's or youth's best interest, except
18	when doing so is contrary to the wishes of
19	the child's or youth's parent or guardian,
20	or the unaccompanied youth;
21	"(ii) consider student-centered factors
22	related to the child's or youth's best inter-
23	est, giving priority to the wishes of the
24	parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth,
25	including—

1	"(I) the harmful impact of school
2	mobility on academic achievement and
3	social and emotional well-being;
4	"(II) the age of the child or
5	youth;
6	"(III) the impact any commute
7	may have on the child's or youth's
8	education;
9	"(IV) personal safety issues;
10	"(V) the child's or youth's need
11	for special instruction, including spe-
12	cial education and related services;
13	"(VI) the length of anticipated
14	stay in a temporary shelter or other
15	temporary location;
16	"(VII) the time remaining in the
17	school year; and
18	"(VIII) the school placement of
19	family members;
20	"(iii) if, after conducting the best in-
21	terest determination described in clause
22	(ii), the local educational agency deter-
23	mines that it is not in the child's or
24	youth's best interest to attend the school of
25	origin or the school requested by the par-

1	ent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth,
2	provide the child's or youth's parent or
3	guardian or the unaccompanied youth with
4	a written explanation of the reasons for its
5	determination, in a manner and form un-
6	derstandable to such parent, guardian, or
7	youth, including information regarding the
8	right to appeal described in subparagraph
9	(E);
10	"(iv) in the case of an unaccompanied
11	youth, ensure that the liaison designated
12	under paragraph (1)(J)(ii) assists in place-
13	ment or enrollment decisions under this
14	subparagraph, gives priority to the views of
15	such unaccompanied youth, and provides
16	notice to such youth of the right to appeal
17	described in subparagraph (E); and
18	"(v) provide transportation pursuant
19	to paragraphs $(1)(J)(iii)$ and (4) .
20	"(C) Enrollment.—
21	"(i) In general.—The school se-
22	lected in accordance with this paragraph
23	shall immediately enroll the homeless child
24	or youth, even if the child or youth—

1 "(I) is unable to produce records
2 normally required for enrollment, in-
3 cluding previous academic records,
4 records of immunizations and health
5 screenings and other required health
6 records, proof of residency or guard-
7 ianship, or other documentation;
8 "(II) has unpaid fines or fees
9 from prior schools or is unable to pay
0 fees in the school selected; or
1 "(III) has missed application or
2 enrollment deadlines during any pe-
3 riod of homelessness.
4 "(ii) Relevant academic
5 RECORDS.—The enrolling school shall im-
6 mediately contact the school last attended
by the child or youth to obtain relevant
8 academic and other records.
9 "(iii) Relevant health records.—
If the child or youth needs to obtain immu-
nizations or health screenings, or immuni-
zation or other required health records, the
enrolling school shall immediately enroll
4 the child or youth and refer the parent or
guardian of the child or youth, or the un-

1	accompanied youth, to the local edu-
2	cational agency liaison designated under
3	paragraph (1)(J)(ii), who shall assist in
4	obtaining necessary immunizations or
5	screenings, or immunization or other re-
6	quired health records in accordance with
7	subparagraph (D).
8	"(iv) No liability.—Whenever the
9	school selected enrolls an unaccompanied
10	youth in accordance with this paragraph,
11	no liability shall be imposed upon the
12	school by reason of enrolling the youth
13	without parent or guardian consent.
14	"(D) Records.—
15	"(i) In general.—Any record ordi-
16	narily kept by the school, including records
17	of immunizations and health screenings
18	and other required health records, aca-
19	demic records, birth certificates, guardian-
20	ship records, and evaluations for special
21	services or programs, regarding each
22	homeless child or youth shall be—
23	"(I) maintained so that the
24	records involved are available, in a

timely fashion, when a homeless child

1	or youth enters a new school or school
2	district;
3	"(II) immediately sent to the en-
4	rolling school, even if the child or
5	youth owes fees or fines or was not
6	withdrawn from the previous school in
7	conformance with local withdrawal
8	procedures; and
9	"(III) maintained in a manner
10	consistent with section 444 of the
11	General Education Provisions Act (20
12	U.S.C. 1232g).
13	"(ii) Release.—School records need-
14	ed for academic placement decisions shall
15	be released immediately by the previous
16	school by facsimile transmission or other
17	available electronic means.
18	"(E) DISPUTES.—If a dispute arises over
19	eligibility for services, school selection, enroll-
20	ment in a school, or any other issue under this
21	subtitle—
22	"(i) the child or youth involved shall
23	be immediately enrolled in the school in
24	which enrollment is sought, pending final

1	resolution of the dispute, including all
2	available appeals;
3	"(ii) the parent, guardian, or unac-
4	companied youth involved shall be provided
5	with written explanations of any decisions
6	made by the school, the local educational
7	agency, or the State educational agency in-
8	volved, which shall include information
9	about the right to appeal such decisions;
10	"(iii) the parent, guardian, or unac-
11	companied youth shall be referred to the
12	local educational agency liaison designated
13	under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), who shall carry
14	out the dispute resolution process as de-
15	scribed in paragraph (1)(C) as expedi-
16	tiously as possible after receiving notice of
17	such dispute; and
18	"(iv) in the case of an unaccompanied
19	youth, the liaison shall ensure that the
20	youth is immediately enrolled in the school
21	in which the youth seeks enrollment pend-
22	ing resolution of such dispute.
23	"(F) Placement Choice.—The choice re-
24	garding placement shall be made regardless of
25	whether the child or youth involved lives with

the homeless parents or has been temporarily
 placed elsewhere.

- "(G) Contact information.—Nothing in this subtitle shall prohibit a local educational agency from requiring a parent or guardian of a homeless child to submit contact information.
- "(H) Privacy.—Information about homeless child's or youth's living situation shall be treated as a student education record under section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) and shall not be released to housing providers, employers, law enforcement personnel, or other persons or agencies not authorized to have such information under section 99.31 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, paying particular attention to preventing disruption of the living situation of the child or youth and to supporting the safety of such children and youths who are survivors of domestic violence and unaccompanied youths.
- "(I) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.—The school selected in accordance with this paragraph shall ensure that homeless children and youths have opportunities to meet the same

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1	challenging State student academic achievement
2	standards to which other students are held, in-
3	cluding implementing the policies and practices
4	required by paragraph (1)(J)(iv).
5	"(J) School of origin defined.—In
6	this paragraph:
7	"(i) In general.—The term 'school
8	of origin' means the school that a child or
9	youth attended when permanently housed
10	or the school in which the child or youth
11	was last enrolled.
12	"(ii) RECEIVING SCHOOL.—When the
13	child or youth completes the final grade
14	level served by the school of origin, as de-
15	scribed in clause (i), the term 'school of or-
16	igin' shall include the designated receiving
17	school at the next grade level for all feeder
18	schools.
19	"(4) Comparable services.—In addition to
20	receiving services provided for homeless children and
21	youths under this subtitle or other Federal, State, or
22	local laws, regulations, policies, or practices, each
23	homeless child or youth to be assisted under this

subtitle also shall be provided services comparable to

1	services offered to other students in the school se-
2	lected under paragraph (3), including the following:
3	"(A) Transportation services.
4	"(B) Educational services for which the
5	child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, in-
6	cluding services provided under title I of the El-
7	ementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
8	(20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) or services of similar
9	State or local programs, charter schools, mag-
10	net schools, educational programs for children
11	with disabilities, and educational programs for
12	students with limited English proficiency.
13	"(C) Programs in vocational and technical
14	education.
15	"(D) Programs for gifted and talented stu-
16	dents.
17	"(E) School nutrition programs.
18	"(5) Coordination.—
19	"(A) In general.—Each local educational
20	agency shall coordinate—
21	"(i) the provision of services under
22	this subtitle with the services of local social
23	services agencies and other agencies or en-
24	tities providing services to homeless chil-
25	dren and youths and their families, includ-

ing services and programs funded under
the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42
U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) or provided by other
agencies serving unaccompanied youths,
public and private child welfare agencies,
Head Start centers and local entities administering State-funded preschool programs, and agencies providing mental
health services;

"(ii) transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities, with other local educational agencies;

"(iii) the provision of services under this subtitle with the provision of other education programs, including programs provided under titles I, III, and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq., 6801 et seq., and 7101 et seq.) and similar State and local programs, programs in vocational and technical education, truancy and dropout prevention programs, before and after school programs, summer school programs, programs provided for students with disabilities, students with limited English pro-

1	ficiency, and gifted and talented students,
2	and local educational agency transpor-
3	tation services; and
4	"(iv) activities, planning, and initia-
5	tives with State and local agencies and or-
6	ganizations providing emergency, transi-
7	tional, and permanent housing and other
8	services to homeless families and unaccom-
9	panied youths, including developing and
10	implementing strategies to minimize edu-
11	cational disruption for children and youths
12	who become homeless.
13	"(B) COORDINATION PURPOSE.—The co-
14	ordination required under subparagraph (A)
15	shall be designed to—
16	"(i) ensure that all homeless children
17	and youths are promptly identified;
18	"(ii) ensure that homeless children
19	and youths have access to and are in rea-
20	sonable proximity to available education
21	and related support services;
22	"(iii) decrease school mobility and en-
23	sure that agencies placing homeless chil-
24	dren and youth in housing and agencies
25	providing housing and other services con-

1	sider the proximity of housing and services
2	to a child or youth's school of origin (as
3	defined in paragraph $(3)(J)$; and
4	"(iv) raise the awareness of school
5	personnel and service providers of the ef-
6	fects of short-term stays in a shelter and
7	other challenges associated with homeless-
8	ness.
9	"(C) Homeless children and youths
10	WITH DISABILITIES.—
11	"(i) IN GENERAL.—For children and
12	youth who are to be assisted both under
13	this subtitle, and under the Individuals
14	with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
15	1400 et seq.) or section 504 of the Reha-
16	bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794),
17	each local educational agency shall coordi-
18	nate the provision of services under this
19	subtitle with the provision of programs for
20	children with disabilities served by that
21	local educational agency and other involved
22	local educational agencies.
23	"(ii) Cost and responsibility for
24	INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—Such
25	coordination shall include the following:

1	"(I) Transportation.—Each
2	local educational agency shall adopt
3	policies and practices to apportion the
4	cost and responsibility for providing
5	transportation to children and youths
6	entitled to transportation services
7	under both paragraph (1)(J)(iii) and
8	the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
9	cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) or
10	section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
11	of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794).
12	"(II) Public or private edu-
13	CATIONAL PROGRAM.—
14	"(aa) In general.—Except
15	as provided in item (bb), if a
16	local educational agency has
17	placed a child or youth in a pri-
18	vate educational program, or in a
19	public educational program out-
20	side the area served by that local
21	educational agency, under section
22	614(d)(1)(A) of the Individuals
23	with Disabilities Education Act
24	(20 U.S.C. 1414(d)(1)(A)), and
25	though moving to an area served

1	by another local educational
2	agency, the homeless child or
3	youth is to remain in that edu-
4	cational program as the child's or
5	youth's school of origin (as de-
6	fined in paragraph $(3)(J)$ under
7	subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
8	paragraph (3), the local edu-
9	cational agency that made the
10	placement shall continue pay-
11	ments for the placement.
12	"(bb) Exception.—Item
13	(aa) shall apply unless the local
14	educational agency that made the
15	placement and the local edu-
16	cational agency in the area where
17	the student is temporarily resid-
18	ing agree upon another method
19	to apportion the cost, or the
20	State educational agency involved
21	has devised another method to
22	apportion cost and responsibility
23	among local educational agencies.
24	"(6) Local educational agency liaison.—

1	"(A) Duties.—Each local educational
2	agency liaison for homeless children and youths,
3	designated under paragraph $(1)(J)(ii)$, shall en-
4	sure that—
5	"(i) all homeless children and youths
6	are identified by school personnel and
7	through outreach and coordination activi-
8	ties with other entities and agencies, in-
9	cluding through such measures as inquiries
10	concerning housing status on school reg-
11	istration forms and on withdrawal or exit
12	forms;
13	"(ii) homeless children and youths are
14	immediately enrolled in, and have a full
15	and equal opportunity to succeed in,
16	schools of that local educational agency;
17	"(iii) homeless families, and homeless
18	children and youths, have access to edu-
19	cational services for which such families,
20	children, and youths are eligible, including
21	services through Head Start, Early Head
22	Start, early intervention, and Even Start
23	programs, and preschool programs de-
24	scribed in paragraph (7)(A);

1 "(iv) homeless families, and homeless
2 children and youths receive referrals to
3 health care services, dental services, mental
4 health and substance abuse services, hous5 ing services, and other appropriate services;
6 ices;

"(v) the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children, including preschool opportunities, and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;

"(vi) public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is incorporated into documents related to residency requirements or enrollment, provided upon school enrollment and withdrawal, posted on the local educational agency's website, and disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to par-

1	ents and guardians of homeless children
2	and youths and unaccompanied youths;
3	"(vii) disputes are resolved in accord-
4	ance with paragraph (3)(E);
5	"(viii) the parent or guardian of a
6	homeless child or youth, and any unaccom-
7	panied youth, is fully informed of all trans-
8	portation services, including transportation
9	to the school of origin, as described in
10	paragraph (1)(J)(iii), and is assisted in ac-
11	cessing transportation to the school that is
12	selected under paragraph (3)(A);
13	"(ix) school personnel are adequately
14	prepared to implement this subtitle and re-
15	ceive professional development, resource
16	materials, technical assistance, and other
17	support; and
18	"(x) unaccompanied youths—
19	"(I) are enrolled in school;
20	"(II) have opportunities to meet
21	the same challenging State student
22	academic achievement standards to
23	which other students are held, includ-
24	ing through implementation of the
25	policies and practices required by sub-

1	paragraphs $(F)(ii)$ and $(J)(iv)$ of
2	paragraph (1); and
3	"(III) are informed of their sta-
4	tus as independent students under
5	section 480 of the Higher Education
6	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv), in-
7	cluding through school counselors that
8	have received professional develop-
9	ment about unaccompanied youth,
10	and receive verification of such status
11	for purposes of the Free Application
12	for Federal Student Aid described in
13	section 483 of such Act (20 U.S.C.
14	1090).
15	"(B) Notice.—State Coordinators ap-
16	pointed under subsection (d)(3) and local edu-
17	cational agencies shall inform school personnel,
18	service providers, and advocates working with
19	homeless families and homeless children and
20	youths of the contact information and duties of
21	the local educational agency liaisons, including
22	publishing an annually updated list of the liai-
23	sons on the State educational agency's website.
24	"(C) Local and state coordination.—
25	The local educational agency liaisons shall, as a

1	part of their duties, coordinate and collaborate
2	with the State Coordinators and community
3	and school personnel responsible for the provi-
4	sion of education and related support services
5	to homeless children and youths. Such coordina-
6	tion shall include collecting and providing to the
7	State Coordinator the reliable, valid, and com-
8	prehensive data needed to meet the require-
9	ments of paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection
10	(f).
11	"(D) Professional Development.—The
12	local educational agency liaisons shall partici-
13	pate in the professional development and other
14	technical assistance activities provided by the
15	State Coordinator pursuant to subsection (f)(5).
16	"(7) School readiness for homeless chil-
17	DREN.—
18	"(A) STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
19	AGENCIES.—Each State educational agency and
20	local educational agency shall ensure that enti-
21	ties carrying out preschool programs funded,
22	administered, or overseen by the agency in-
23	volved—
24	"(i) comply with paragraphs (3) and
25	(4), except that in the absence of contrary

1	State law or policy, such entities shall not
2	be required to enroll a homeless child im-
3	mediately in a preschool program that is
4	operating at full capacity when the child
5	seeks to enroll;
6	"(ii) identify and prioritize homeless
7	children for enrollment and increase their
8	enrollment and attendance in preschool
9	programs, including through policies such
10	as—
11	"(I) reserving spaces in preschool
12	programs for homeless children;
13	"(II) conducting targeted out-
14	reach to homeless children and their
15	families;
16	"(III) waiving application dead-
17	lines;
18	"(IV) providing ongoing profes-
19	sional development for staff regarding
20	the needs of homeless children and
21	their families and strategies to serve
22	the children and families; and
23	"(V) developing the capacity to
24	serve all identified homeless children;
25	and

1	"(iii) review the educational and re-
2	lated needs of homeless children and their
3	families in such agency's service area, in
4	coordination with the liaison designated
5	under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), and develop
6	policies and practices to meet identified
7	needs.
8	"(B) OTHER STATE AGENCIES.—In the
9	case of State-funded preschool programs that
10	are not funded, administered, or overseen by
11	the State educational agency or a local edu-
12	cational agency, the State agency that funds,
13	administers, or oversees such preschool pro-
14	grams shall—
15	"(i) develop, review, and revise its
16	policies and practices to remove barriers to
17	the identification, enrollment, attendance,
18	retention, and success of homeless children
19	for or in preschool programs funded, ad-
20	ministered, or overseen by the agency;
21	"(ii) ensure that the entities comply
22	with the provisions of paragraph (3) and
23	(4) except that such entities, with respect
24	to such programs—

1	"(I) shall not be required to en-
2	roll a homeless child immediately in a
3	preschool program that is operating at
4	full capacity when the child seeks to
5	enroll, in the absence of contrary
6	State law or policy;
7	"(II) shall not be subject to the
8	dispute resolution procedures of the
9	State educational agency or local edu-
10	cational agencies, but shall ensure
11	that all of the dispute resolution pro-
12	cedures available through such pro-
13	grams and the State agency that
14	funds, administers, or oversees such
15	programs are accessible to parents
16	and guardians of homeless children
17	and shall provide such parents and
18	guardians with a written explanation
19	of their dispute and appeal rights; and
20	"(III) shall not be subject to the
21	transportation requirements of para-
22	graphs $(1)(J)(iii)$ or $(3)(B)(v)$, but
23	shall remove barriers to transpor-
24	tation services for homeless children
25	and shall to the maximum extent

1	practicable, arrange or provide trans-
2	portation for homeless children to at-
3	tend preschool programs, including
4	their preschool program of origin;
5	"(iii) identify and prioritize homeless
6	children for enrollment and increase their
7	enrollment and attendance in preschool
8	programs, including through policies such
9	as—
10	"(I) reserving spaces in preschool
11	programs for homeless children;
12	"(II) conducting targeted out-
13	reach to homeless children and their
14	families;
15	"(III) waiving application dead-
16	lines;
17	"(IV) providing ongoing profes-
18	sional development for staff regarding
19	the needs of homeless children and
20	their families and strategies to serve
21	the children and families; and
22	"(V) develop capacity to serve all
23	identified homeless children; and
24	"(iv) review the educational and re-
25	lated needs of homeless children and their

1	families in the State, in coordination with
2	the Office of the Coordinator for Edu-
3	cation of Homeless Children and Youths
4	established under subsection (d)(3), and
5	develop policies and practices to meet iden-
6	tified needs.
7	"(h) Prohibition on Segregating Homeless
8	CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.—
9	"(1) In general.—In providing a free appro-
10	priate public education to a homeless child or youth,
11	no State receiving funds under this subtitle shall
12	segregate such child or youth in a separate school,
13	or in a separate program within a school, based on
14	such child's or youth's status as homeless.
15	"(2) Transition from segregated schools
16	IN FORMERLY COVERED COUNTIES.—To ensure a
17	smooth, rapid, and complete transition for all home-
18	less children and youths from segregated to nonseg-
19	regated schools or programs, in formerly covered
20	counties, each local educational agency that serves
21	such a covered county shall—
22	"(A) coordinate activities with those seg-
23	regated schools and schools with segregated
24	programs located in formerly covered counties,

1	to identify each homeless child and youth en-
2	rolled in such schools and programs;
3	"(B) for each homeless child and youth so
4	identified, determine if the child or youth has a
5	school of origin (as defined in subsection
6	(g)(3)(J)) and either—
7	"(i) immediately enroll the child or
8	youth in the school of origin if it is in the
9	child's or youth's best interest in accord-
10	ance with this subtitle and consistent with
11	the wishes of the parent, guardian, or un-
12	accompanied youth involved, and provide
13	transportation to and from the school of
14	origin; or
15	"(ii) immediately enroll the child or
16	youth in any nonsegregated public school if
17	enrollment in the school of origin is not in
18	the child's or youth's best interest in ac-
19	cordance with this subtitle or is against the
20	wishes of the parent, guardian, or unac-
21	companied youth;
22	"(C) provide the parent, guardian, or un-
23	accompanied youth with information about the
24	dispute resolution process available under this
25	subtitle;

- 1 "(D) ensure that each homeless child or 2 youth receives the full protections and services 3 provided by this subtitle; and
 - "(E) implement other policies and practices necessary to ensure a smooth, rapid, and complete integration of the children and youths into the public schools of the local educational agency.
- "(3) ROLE OF STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY IN TRANSITION.—The State educational agencies of California and Arizona shall provide technical assistance to the local educational agencies in the State that serve formerly covered counties to ensure the requirements of paragraph (2) are met.
 - "(4) Transition Period.—Not later than the end of the academic year in which the Educational Success for Children and Youth Without Homes Act of 2009 is enacted, the transition referred to in paragraph (2) shall be complete.
- "(i) No DIMINISHMENT OF POWER.—Nothing in this 21 subtitle shall be construed to diminish the rights of par-22 ents or guardians of homeless children or youth, or unac-23 companied youth, otherwise provided under State law, pol-24 icy, or practice, including laws or policies that authorize

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1	the best interest determination in subsection (g)(3) to be
2	made solely by the parent, guardian, or youth involved.
3	"SEC. 723. LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY SUBGRANTS FOR
4	THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN
5	AND YOUTHS.
6	"(a) General Authority.—
7	"(1) In General.—The State educational
8	agency shall, in accordance with section 722(e), and
9	from amounts made available to such agency under
10	section 726, make subgrants to local educational
11	agencies for the purpose of facilitating the identifica-
12	tion, enrollment, attendance, and success in school
13	of homeless children and youths.
14	"(2) Services.—
15	"(A) In general.—Services under para-
16	graph (1)—
17	"(i) may be provided through pro-
18	grams on school grounds or at other facili-
19	ties; and
20	"(ii) shall, to the maximum extent
21	practicable, be provided through existing
22	programs and mechanisms that integrate
23	homeless children and youths with non-
24	homeless children and youths.

"(B) Services on school grounds.—If 1 2 services under paragraph (1) are provided to homeless children 3 and youths school on 4 grounds, the school involved may use funds 5 under this subtitle to provide the same services to other children and youths who are deter-6 7 mined by the local educational agency serving 8 the school to be at risk of failing in, or drop-9 ping out of, school.

- "(3) Requirement.—Services provided under this section shall not replace the regular academic program and shall be designed to expand upon or improve services provided as part of the school's regular academic program.
- "(4) DURATION OF GRANTS.—Subgrants awarded under this section shall be for terms of not to exceed 3 years.
- "(b) APPLICATION.—A local educational agency that
 desires to receive a subgrant under this section shall submit an application to the State educational agency at such
 time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by
 such information as the State educational agency may reasonably require. Such application shall include the following:

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- "(1) An assessment of the educational and related needs of homeless children and youths in the area served by the local educational agency (which may be undertaken as part of a needs assessment for another disadvantaged group).
 - "(2) A description of the services and programs for which assistance is sought to address the needs identified in paragraph (1).
 - "(3) An assurance that the local educational agency's combined fiscal effort per student, or the aggregate expenditures of that agency and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by such agency for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the subgrant determination is made, was not less than 90 percent of such combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made.
 - "(4) An assurance that the applicant complies with, or will use requested funds to comply with, paragraphs (3) through (7) of section 722(g).
 - "(5) A description of policies and procedures that the agency will implement to ensure that activities carried out by the agency will not isolate or stigmatize homeless children and youths.

"(6) An assurance that the local educational agency will collect and promptly provide data requested by the State Coordinator pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 722(f).

> "(7) A description of the policies and practices the local educational agency has implemented to remove barriers to the identification, enrollment, attendance, retention, and success in school of all homeless children and youths.

"(c) AWARDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The State educational agency shall, in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle and from amounts made available to it under section 722(a), make subgrants on a competitive basis to local educational agencies that submit applications under subsection (b). Such subgrants shall be awarded on the basis of the need of such agencies for assistance under this subtitle and the quality of the applications submitted.

"(2) NEED.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In determining need under paragraph (1), the State educational agency may consider the number of homeless children and youths enrolled in preschool, elementary schools, and secondary schools within

1	the area served by the local educational agency,
2	and shall consider the needs of such children
3	and youths and the ability of the local edu-
4	cational agency to meet such needs.
5	"(B) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—The
6	State educational agency may also consider the
7	following:
8	"(i) The extent to which the proposed
9	use of funds will facilitate the identifica-
10	tion, enrollment, attendance, retention, and
11	educational success of homeless children
12	and youths.
13	"(ii) The extent to which the applica-
14	tion reflects coordination with other local
15	and State agencies that serve homeless
16	children and youths.
17	"(iii) The extent to which the appli-
18	cant exhibits in the application and in cur-
19	rent practice (as of the date of submission
20	of the application) a commitment to edu-
21	cation for all homeless children and youths.
22	"(iv) Such other criteria as the State
23	agency determines to be appropriate.

1	"(3) Quality.—In determining the quality of
2	applications under paragraph (1), the State edu-
3	cational agency shall consider each of the following:
4	"(A) The applicant's needs assessment
5	under subsection (b)(2) and the likelihood that
6	the program presented in the application will
7	meet such needs.
8	"(B) The types, intensity, and coordination
9	of the services to be provided under the pro-
10	gram.
11	"(C) The extent to which the applicant will
12	promote meaningful involvement of parents or
13	guardians of homeless children or youths in the
14	education of their children.
15	"(D) The extent to which homeless chil-
16	dren and youths will be integrated into the reg-
17	ular education program involved.
18	"(E) The quality of the applicant's evalua-
19	tion plan for the program.
20	"(F) The extent to which services provided
21	under this subtitle will be coordinated with
22	other services available to homeless children
23	and youths and their families, including housing
24	and child welfare services and services provided

under the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-

- cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), title I of
 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), and similar
 State and local programs.
 - "(G) The extent to which the local educational agency will use the subgrant to leverage resources, including by maximizing nonsubgrant funding for the position of the liaison described in section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) and the provision of transportation.
 - "(H) The local educational agency's use of funds to serve homeless children and youths under section 1113(c)(3) of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(c)(3)).
 - "(I) The extent to which the applicant's program meets such other measures as the State educational agency considers to be indicative of a high-quality program, including the extent to which the local educational agency will provide services to unaccompanied youth and preschool-aged children.
 - "(J) The extent to which the application describes how the applicant will meet the requirements of section 722(g)(3).

- 1 "(d) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—A local educational
- 2 agency may use funds awarded under this section for ac-
- 3 tivities that carry out the purpose of this subtitle, includ-
- 4 ing the following:

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- 5 "(1) The provision of tutoring, supplemental in-6 struction, and enriched educational services that are 7 linked to the achievement of the same challenging 8 State academic content standards and challenging 9 State student academic achievement standards as
 - "(2) The provision of expedited evaluations of the strengths, needs, and eligibility of homeless children and youths, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (including educational programs for gifted and talented students, children with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency, charter school programs, magnet school programs, and programs in vocational and technical education, and school nutrition programs).

the State establishes for other children and youths.

"(3) Professional development and other activities for educators and pupil services personnel that are designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity of such educators and personnel to the needs of homeless children and youths, the rights of such children and youths under this subtitle, and the spe-

- cific educational needs of runaway and homelessyouths.
- "(4) The provision of referral services to homeless children and youths for medical, dental, mental,
 and other health services.
 - "(5) The provision of assistance to defray the cost of transportation under paragraphs (1)(J)(iii) and (4)(A) of section 722(g), and transportation to preschool programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding.
 - "(6) The provision of developmentally appropriate early childhood development programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding.
 - "(7) The provision of services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youths, particularly homeless children and youths who are not enrolled in school, in public school programs and services provided to nonhomeless children and youths.
 - "(8) The provision for homeless children and youths of before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities.

- "(9) If necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to facilitate the ap-propriate placement of homeless children and youths in school or preschool programs, including birth cer-tificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services.
 - "(10) The provision of education and training to the parents of homeless children and youths about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youths, and other activities designed to increase the meaningful involvement of parents or guardians of homeless children or youths in the education of their children.
 - "(11) The development of coordination of activities between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youths, as described in section 722(g)(5).
 - "(12) The provision of pupil services (including counseling) and referrals for such services.
 - "(13) Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youths that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems.

- "(14) The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any nonschool facilities made available under subsection (a)(2) to provide services under this subsection.
- "(15) The provision of school supplies, including supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations.
 - "(16) The provision of assistance to defray the cost of the position of liaison designated pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii), not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding.
- "(17) The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to enroll, attend, and succeed in school or preschool programs.

17 "SEC. 724. SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

"(a) Review of State Plans.—In reviewing the State plan submitted by a State educational agency under section 722(g), the Secretary shall use a peer review process and shall evaluate whether State laws, policies, and practices described in such plan adequately address the problems of all homeless children and youths relating to access to education and placement as described in such plan.

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- 1 "(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
- 2 provide support and technical assistance to State edu-
- 3 cational agencies to assist such agencies in carrying out
- 4 their responsibilities under this subtitle, and shall estab-
- 5 lish or designate a Federal Office of the Coordinator for
- 6 Education of Homeless Children and Youths that has suf-
- 7 ficient capacity, resources, and support to carry out the
- 8 responsibilities described in this subtitle.
- 9 "(c) Notice.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, before 10 11 the next school year that begins after the date of en-12 actment of the Educational Success for Children and 13 Youth Without Homes Act of 2009, develop and dis-14 seminate a public notice of the educational rights of 15 homeless children and youths. The notice shall in-16 clude information regarding the definition of home-17 less children and youths in section 725.
 - "(2) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall disseminate the notice nationally. The Secretary also shall disseminate such notice to heads of other Department of Education offices, including those responsible for special education programs, higher education, and programs under parts A, B, C, D, G, and H of title I, title III, title IV, and part B of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

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1 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq., 6361 et seq., 6391 2 et seq., 6421 et seq., 6531 et seq., 6551 et seq., 3 6801 et seq., 7102 et seq., and 7221 et seq.). The 4 Secretary shall also disseminate such notice to heads 5 of other Federal agencies, and grant recipients and 6 other entities carrying out federally funded pro-7 grams, including Head Start program grantees, grant recipients under the Health Care for the 8 9 Homeless program of the Health Resources and 10 Services Administration of the Department of 11 Health and Human Services, grant recipients under 12 the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board 13 Program of the Federal Emergency Management 14 Agency, grant recipients under the Runaway and 15 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), grant 16 recipients under the John H. Chafee Foster Care 17 Independence program, grant recipients under home-18 less assistance programs administered by the De-19 partment of Housing and Urban Development, and 20 recipients of Federal funding for programs carried 21 out by the Administration on Children, Youth and 22 Families of the Department of Health and Human 23 Services.

24 "(d) Evaluation and Dissemination.—

"(1) In General.—The Secretary shall conduct evaluation, dissemination, and technical assistance activities for programs that are designed to meet the educational needs of homeless preschool, elementary school, and secondary school students, and may use funds appropriated under section 726 to award grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, eligible entities to enable the eligible entities to carry out such activities.

"(2) Priorities.—The Secretary, in awarding such grant, or entering into such contract or cooperative agreement, may, without regard to the rule-making procedures under section 553 of title 5, United States Code, limit competitions to, or otherwise give priority to, entities with—

"(A) demonstrated experience in dissemination and technical assistance activities, including using the Internet and other state-ofthe-art technology for efficient and cost-effective dissemination of information and technical assistance;

"(B) demonstrated experience in the areas of homelessness, serving at-risk youth, and education; and

- 1 "(C) established networks, and a history of 2 collaboration, among State educational agen-
- 3 cies, local educational agencies, and national or-
- 4 ganizations that provide services to homeless
- 5 children and youths, and homeless families.
- 6 "(e) Submission and Distribution.—The Sec-
- 7 retary shall require applications for grants under section
- 8 722 to be submitted to the Secretary not later than the
- 9 expiration of the 120-day period beginning on the date
- 10 that funds are available for purposes of making such
- 11 grants and shall make such grants not later than the expi-
- 12 ration of the 180-day period beginning on such date.
- 13 "(f) Determination by Secretary.—The Sec-
- 14 retary, based on the information received from the States
- 15 and information gathered by the Secretary under sub-
- 16 section (h), shall determine the extent to which State edu-
- 17 cational agencies are ensuring that each homeless child or
- 18 youth has access to a free appropriate public education,
- 19 as described in section 721(1). The Secretary shall provide
- 20 support and technical assistance to State educational
- 21 agencies in areas in which barriers to a free appropriate
- 22 public education persist.
- "(g) Publication.—The Secretary shall develop,
- 24 issue, and publish in the Federal Register, not later than
- 25 90 days after the date of enactment of the Educational

1	Success for Children and Youth Without Homes Act of
2	2009, a summary of the changes enacted by that Act and
3	related strategies, which summary shall include—
4	"(1) strategies by which a State can assist local
5	educational agencies to implement the provisions
6	amended by the Act;
7	"(2) strategies by which a State can review and
8	revise State policies and procedures that may
9	present barriers to the identification, enrollment, at-
10	tendance, and success of homeless children and
11	youths in school; and
12	"(3) strategies by which entities carrying out
13	preschool programs can implement requirements of
14	section $722(g)(7)$.
15	"(h) Information.—
16	"(1) In general.—From funds appropriated
17	under section 726, the Secretary shall, directly or
18	through grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
19	ments, periodically but no less frequently than every
20	2 years, collect and disseminate publicly data and in-
21	formation regarding—
22	"(A) the number of homeless children and
23	youths in all areas served by local educational
24	agencies, including homeless children enrolled in
25	preschool programs described in section

1	722(g)(7)(A) and the type of living situation in
2	which such children and youth are living when
3	identified;
4	"(B) the education and related support
5	services such children and youths receive;
6	"(C) the extent to which the needs of
7	homeless children and youths are being met;
8	"(D) the academic progress being made by
9	homeless children and youths, including the
10	percent or number of homeless children and
11	youths participating in State assessments; and
12	"(E) such other data and information as
13	the Secretary determines to be necessary and
14	relevant to carry out this subtitle.
15	"(2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
16	ordinate such collection and dissemination with
17	other agencies and entities that receive assistance
18	and administer programs under this subtitle.
19	"(i) Report.—Not later than 4 years after the date
20	of enactment of the Educational Success for Children and
21	Youth Without Homes Act of 2009, the Secretary shall
22	prepare and submit to the President and the Committee
23	on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives
24	and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
25	Pensions of the Senate a report on the status of the provi-

1	sion of education and related support services to homeless
2	children and youths, which shall include information on—
3	"(1) the education of homeless children and
4	youths; and
5	"(2) the actions of the Secretary and the effec-
6	tiveness of the programs supported under this sub-
7	title.
8	"SEC. 725. DEFINITIONS.
9	"In this subtitle:
10	"(1) Enroll; enrollment.—The terms 'en-
11	roll' and 'enrollment' include attending classes and
12	participating fully in school activities.
13	"(2) Formerly covered counties.—The
14	term 'formerly covered counties' means, with respect
15	to California, San Joaquin County, Orange County,
16	and San Diego County, and with respect to Arizona,
17	Maricopa County.
18	"(3) Homeless Children and Youths.—The
19	term 'homeless children and youths'—
20	"(A) means individuals who lack a fixed,
21	regular, and adequate nighttime residence
22	(within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and
23	"(B) includes—
24	"(i) children and youths who—

1	"(I) are sharing the housing of
2	other persons due to loss of housing,
3	economic hardship, or a similar rea-
4	son;
5	"(II) are living in motels, hotels,
6	trailer parks, or camping grounds due
7	to the lack of alternative adequate ac-
8	commodations;
9	"(III) are living in emergency or
10	transitional shelters;
11	"(IV) are abandoned in hospitals;
12	or
13	"(V) are awaiting foster care
14	placement;
15	"(ii) children and youths who have a
16	primary nighttime residence that is a pub-
17	lic or private place not designed for or or-
18	dinarily used as a regular sleeping accom-
19	modation for human beings (within the
20	meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));
21	"(iii) children and youths who are liv-
22	ing in cars, parks, public spaces, aban-
23	doned buildings, substandard housing, bus
24	or train stations, or similar settings; and

1	"(iv) migratory children (as such term
2	is defined in section 1309 of the Elemen-
3	tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
4	(20 U.S.C. 6399)) who qualify as homeless
5	for the purposes of this subtitle because
6	the children are living in circumstances de-
7	scribed in clauses (i) through (iii).
8	"(4) Include; including.—The terms 'in-
9	clude' and 'including' mean that the items named
10	are not all of the possible items that are covered,
11	whether like or unlike the items named.
12	"(5) Local educational agency; state
13	EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The terms 'local edu-
14	cational agency' and 'State educational agency' have
15	the meanings given such terms in section 9101 of
16	the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
17	1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
18	"(6) Secretary.—The term 'Secretary' means
19	the Secretary of Education.
20	"(7) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of
21	the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the
22	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
23	"(8) UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH.—The term 'un-
24	accompanied youth' means a homeless child or youth

1 not in the physical custody of a parent or legal 2 guardian. 3 "SEC. 726. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. 4 "For the purpose of carrying out this subtitle, there 5 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may 6 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2016.". 8 SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS. 9 The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 10 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended— 11 (1) in section 1111 (20 U.S.C. 6311)— 12 (A) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the 13 end the following: 14 "(L) ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HOMELESS 15 CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.—The accountability 16 provisions under this Act shall ensure that 17 homeless children and youths (as defined in sec-18 tion 725(3) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless 19 Assistance Act), are included in academic as-20 sessment, reporting, and accountability systems, 21 consistent with paragraph (3)(C)(xi). Notwith-22 standing the requirements of subsection (i), the 23 State is not required to disaggregate the assess-24 ment results of homeless children and youths as

1	a separate category under subparagraph
2	(C)(v)."; and
3	(B) in subsection (c)—
4	(i) in paragraph (13), by striking
5	"and" after the semicolon;
6	(ii) in paragraph (14), by striking the
7	period at the end and inserting "; and";
8	and
9	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-
10	lowing:
11	"(15) the State will ensure that the require-
12	ments of subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-
13	Vento Homeless Assistance Act are satisfied.";
14	(2) in section 1112 (20 U.S.C. 6312)—
15	(A) by striking subsection $(b)(1)(0)$ and
16	inserting the following:
17	"(O) a description of—
18	"(i) how the local educational agency
19	will ensure the enrollment, attendance, and
20	success of homeless children and youths;
21	"(ii) the services the local educational
22	agency will provide homeless children and
23	youths, including services provided with
24	funds reserved under section 1113(c)(3);

1	"(iii) the amount of funds reserved
2	under section 1113(c)(3);
3	"(iv) the needs assessment conducted
4	to determine the amount of funds reserved
5	under section 1113(c)(3);
6	"(v) how the amount of funds re-
7	served under section 1113(c)(3) was deter-
8	mined and the amount of funds' relation to
9	the needs assessment;
10	"(vi) the collaborative role of the liai-
11	son designated pursuant to section
12	722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento
13	Homeless Assistance Act in determining
14	the amount of funds reserved and the serv-
15	ices provided; and
16	"(vii) the services the local edu-
17	cational agency provided homeless children
18	and youths in the previous academic year,
19	including services provided with funds re-
20	served under section 1113(c)(3), an expla-
21	nation of any discrepancy between the an-
22	ticipated and actual use of funds, and an
23	explanation of any unspent reserved
24	funds;"; and
25	(B) in subsection $(c)(1)$ —

1	(i) in subparagraph (N), by striking
2	"and" after the semicolon;
3	(ii) in subparagraph (O), by striking
4	the period at the end and inserting ";
5	and"; and
6	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-
7	lowing new subparagraph:
8	"(P) comply with the requirements of sub-
9	title B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento
10	Homeless Assistance Act that relate to the local
11	educational agency.";
12	(3) by striking section 1113(c)(3) (20 U.S.C.
13	6313(c)(3)) and inserting the following:
14	"(3) Reservation.—
15	"(A) In general.—
16	"(i) Funds for homeless chil-
17	DREN AND YOUTHS.—A local educational
18	agency shall reserve funds under this part
19	to assist homeless children and youths who
20	are attending schools receiving assistance
21	under section 1114 or 1115, or schools not
22	receiving assistance under this part, in sat-
23	isfying the State's academic achievement
24	standards.

1	"(ii) Homeless children and
2	YOUTHS.—In this paragraph, the term
3	'homeless children and youths' has the
4	meaning given the term in section 725(3)
5	of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
6	ance Act.
7	"(B) Use of funds.—Notwithstanding
8	the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of
9	section 1120A, funds reserved under subpara-
10	graph (A) may be used to provide homeless
11	children and youths with services not ordinarily
12	provided to other students under this part, in-
13	cluding—
14	"(i) providing funding for the liaison
15	designated pursuant to section
16	722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento
17	Homeless Assistance Act;
18	"(ii) providing transportation pursu-
19	ant to section $722(g)(1)(J)(iii)$ of such
20	Act;
21	"(iii) providing services to preschool-
22	aged homeless children and homeless sec-
23	ondary school students;
24	"(iv) providing support services to
25	homeless children and youths in shelters

1	and other locations where they may live;
2	and
3	"(v) removing barriers to homeless
4	children and youths' enrollment, attend-
5	ance, retention, and success in school.
6	"(C) Amount reserved.—The amount of
7	funds reserved under subparagraph (A) shall be
8	determined collaboratively with the liaison des-
9	ignated pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of
10	the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
11	and based upon an assessment of the needs of
12	homeless children and youths in the local edu-
13	cational agency, including consideration of the
14	following:
15	"(i) The percentage of students deter-
16	mined by the local educational agency to
17	be from a low-income family using the
18	measures described in subsection (a)(5).
19	"(ii) Available data related to child,
20	youth, and family homelessness in the local
21	educational agency, including data re-
22	ported to the Department of Housing and
23	Urban Development, data reported to the
24	Department of Health and Human Serv-
25	ices under the Runaway and Homeless

1	Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), and
2	data reported by Head Start, Early Head
3	Start, and other preschool programs in the
4	local educational agency.
5	"(iii) Information related to child,
6	youth, and family homelessness in the local
7	educational agency obtained through the
8	coordination and collaboration required
9	under subsections $(f)(4)$ and $(g)(5)$ of sec-
10	tion 722 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
11	Assistance Act.
12	"(iv) The number of homeless children
13	and youths reported by the local edu-
14	cational agency to the State educational
15	agency under section 722(f)(3) of the
16	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
17	for the previous school year.
18	"(v) Gaps in identification of homeless
19	children and youths in the local edu-
20	cational agency, as described by the liaison
21	designated pursuant to section
22	722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento
23	Homeless Assistance Act.
24	"(vi) Transportation and other needs
25	of homeless children and youths, as de-

1	scribed by the liaison designated pursuant
2	to section $722(g)(1)(J)(ii)$ of the McKin-
3	ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
4	"(vii) Strategies to improve or main-
5	tain academic achievement and high school
6	graduation rates for homeless children and
7	youths in the local educational agency.
8	"(D) Integration.—The services pro-
9	vided to homeless children and youths shall, to
10	the maximum extent practicable, integrate
11	homeless children and youths with non-homeless
12	children and youths.
13	"(E) Comparable services.—A local
14	educational agency shall reserve such funds as
15	are necessary under this part to provide serv-
16	ices comparable to those provided to children in
17	schools funded under this part to serve—
18	"(i) children in local institutions for
19	neglected children; and
20	"(ii) if appropriate, children in local
21	institutions for delinquent children, and
22	neglected or delinquent children in commu-
23	nity day school programs.";
24	(4) in section $1114(b)(1)(A)$ (20 U.S.C.
25	6314(b)(1)(A)), by inserting "and homeless children

1	and youths as defined in section 725(3) of the
2	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act" before
3	"that is based on information";
4	(5) by striking section $1115(b)(2)(E)$ (20
5	U.S.C. $6315(b)(2)(E)$) and inserting the following:
6	"(E) Homeless children and
7	YOUTHS.—A child or youth who is homeless, as
8	defined in section 725(3) of the McKinney-
9	Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and attending
10	any school served by the local educational agen-
11	cy is eligible for services under this part.";
12	(6) in section $1118(a)(2)(E)$ (20 U.S.C.
13	6318(a)(2)(E)), by inserting "are homeless," before
14	"are disabled";
15	(7) in section 1118(f) (20 U.S.C. 6318(f)), by
16	inserting "parents of homeless children," before
17	"and parents of migratory children";
18	(8) by striking section 1821(1) (20 U.S.C.
19	6561(1)) and inserting the following:
20	"(1) Low-income student.—The term 'low-
21	income student' means a student who is determined
22	by a local educational agency to be from a low-in-
23	come family using the measures described in section
24	1113(a)(5), or a student who is a homeless child or

1	youth, as defined in section 725(3) of the McKinney-
2	Vento Homeless Assistance Act.";
3	(9) in section 1822(b)(1) (20 U.S.C.
4	6561a(b)(1))—
5	(A) by amending subparagraph (H) to
6	read as follows:
7	"(H) counseling and mentoring for at-risk
8	students, including students who are homeless
9	children and youths, as defined in section
10	725(3) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
11	sistance Act;";
12	(B) in subparagraph (I), by striking "and"
13	after the semicolon;
14	(C) in subparagraph (J), by striking the
15	period at the end and inserting "; and; and
16	(D) by adding at the end the following:
17	"(K) outreach activities to locate and iden-
18	tify at-risk students, including homeless chil-
19	dren and youths, as defined in section 725(3)
20	of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
21	Act.";
22	(10) in section $1823(b)(1)$ (20 U.S.C.
23	6561b(b)(1))—
24	(A) in subparagraph (F), by striking
25	"and" after the semicolon;

1	(B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the
2	period at the end and inserting "; and"; and
3	(C) by adding at the end the following new
4	subparagraph:
5	"(H) describe how the strategies and ac-
6	tivities will include outreach and services to
7	homeless children and youths, as defined in sec-
8	tion 725(3) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
9	Assistance Act.";
10	(11) in section 1825(1) (20 U.S.C. 6561d(1))—
11	(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ",
12	including homeless children and youths, as de-
13	fined in section 725(3) of the McKinney-Vento
14	Homeless Assistance Act" after "at-risk stu-
15	dents"; and
16	(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ",
17	homeless children and youths (as defined in sec-
18	tion 725(3) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
19	Assistance Act)," after "racial and ethnic mi-
20	norities";
21	(12) in section 4203(a) (20 U.S.C. 7173(a))—
22	(A) in paragraph (10), by inserting ", in-
23	cluding homeless children and youths (as de-
24	fined in section 725(3) of the McKinney-Vento

1	Homeless Assistance Act)," after "participating
2	students'';
3	(B) in paragraph (13)(B), by striking
4	"and" after the semicolon;
5	(C) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-
6	riod at the end and inserting "; and"; and
7	(D) by adding at the end the following:
8	"(15) contains an assurance that the State edu-
9	cational agency will require eligible entities to de-
10	scribe in the entities' applications under section
11	4204(b) how such entities will ensure the participa-
12	tion, attendance, and success of eligible homeless
13	children and youths (as defined in section 725(3) of
14	the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act), pay-
15	ing particular attention to the needs of unaccom-
16	panied youths."; and
17	(13) in section $5203(b)(3)(L)$ (20 U.S.C.
18	7221b(b)(3)(L)), by inserting before the semicolon
19	at the end the following: ", and the local educational
20	agency requirements under subtitle B of title VII of
21	the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act".