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SENATE DRS25185-MK-129A (03/13)

Short Title: Homeless Youth Obtaining Housing/LRC Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Apodaca (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
3 ISSUES RELATED TO UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH CONTRACTING
4 FOR APPROPRIATE HOUSING OPTIONS OR FOR ADMISSION TO EMERGENCY
5 SHELTERS AND TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAMS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) is authorized to study
8 issues related to unemancipated, unaccompanied homeless youth, as defined in the
9 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11434A, contracting for appropriate
10 housing options or admission to emergency shelters and transitional programs without the
11 consent of a parent, guardian, or custodian. The LRC may consider at least the following in its
12 study:

- 13 (1) Current contract requirements for homeless youth in admission to
14 emergency shelters and transitional programs and access to their supportive
15 services.
- 16 (2) Barriers for unaccompanied homeless youth in obtaining adult assistance
17 with securing housing options, including the assignment of a guardian,
18 custodian, or court supervision.
- 19 (3) The role of support services from the following individuals in helping
20 unaccompanied homeless youth attain appropriate housing options:
21 a. Local school administrative unit liaisons for homeless children and
22 youths.
23 b. Human services providers or public social services providers funded
24 by the State to provide homeless children and youth social services,
25 health services, mental or behavioral health services, or public
26 assistant or employment services.
27 c. Other mental health professionals, such as social workers.
- 28 (4) Other State policies and approaches for addressing the difficulty of
29 unaccompanied homeless youth in obtaining appropriate housing options,
30 including the use of safeguards to allow unaccompanied homeless youth to
31 contract or obtain appropriate housing without parental consent.

32 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission shall report the results of its
33 study and any recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the 2015 General Assembly
34 when it reconvenes in 2016.

35 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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