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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Runaway youths--permit
local appropriations to aid
nonprofit assistance organizations)

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CHAPTER 56

Bill No. A48

Sponsor(s) Matthews and Schwartz

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly County Government

Senate County and Municipal Government

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Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~

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Senate Yes ~~No~~

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Message on signing Yes ~~No~~

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ASSEMBLY, No. 48

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Assemblymen MATTHEWS and SCHWARTZ

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2 appropriate funds to a private, nonprofit organization for the pur-
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4 their families. The services may include temporary shelter, food,
5 clothing, medical care, transportation, individual and family
6 counseling, and any other service necessary to provide adequate
7 temporary, protective care for runaway or homeless youths, or to
8 aid in reuniting the youth with their parents or guardians. For the
9 purposes of this section, "runaway or homeless youth" means a
10 person under the age of 18, who is absent from his legal residence
11 without the consent of his parent or legal guardian, or who is with-
12 out a place of shelter where supervision and care are available.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill permits counties and municipalities to appropriate funds annually to private, nonprofit organizations for services to runaway or homeless youths and their families. The problem of runaway and homeless youths is a serious one in our society. It is particularly acute in urban areas which seem to attract these youths. Currently there are no State or local governmental programs specifically targeted to runaway or homeless youths. There are, however, some private, nonprofit organizations which do provide assistance to such youths. The purpose of this bill is to encourage the work of these organizations and to capitalize upon the voluntary efforts and spirit inherent in them to foster vitally needed services for runaway and homeless youths.

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ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 48

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 1, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 48 would permit the governing body of a county or municipality annually to appropriate moneys to a private, nonprofit organization which provides services to runaway or homeless young people and their families.

Under the provisions of the bill, the services which may be provided by such an organization include temporary shelter, food, clothing, and such other services as may be necessary to provide adequate temporary protective care. It may also involve aid in reuniting the youth with his parents or guardian.

For the purposes of this act, a "runaway or homeless youth" means any person under the age of 18 who is absent from his legal residence without the consent of his parents or guardian, or who is without a place of shelter where supervision and care are available.

It is the committee's understanding that the specific authorization set forth in Assembly Bill No. 48 is necessary because the statutes, in general, are silent on the issue of whether or not local government units may appropriate public moneys to private, nonprofit organizations for public purposes and, as a result, the Division of Local Government Services is reluctant to approve any such appropriation unless there is specific statutory authorization.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 48

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 15, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 48 would permit any county or municipality to appropriate funds annually to private, nonprofit organizations providing services to runaway or homeless youths or their families. The services contemplated include temporary shelter, food, clothing, medical care, transportation and counseling, and aid in reuniting runaways with their families.

According to the sponsor, "the problem of runaway and homeless youths is a serious one in our society. It is particularly acute in urban areas which seem to attract these youths. Currently there are no State or local governmental programs specifically targeted to runaway or homeless youths. There are, however, some private, nonprofit organizations which do provide assistance to such youths. The purpose of this bill is to encourage the work of these organizations and to capitalize upon the voluntary efforts and spirit inherent in them to foster vitally needed services for runaway and homeless youths."

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT: PAUL WOLCOTT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1982

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

A-632 (OCR) SCR, sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent Pellecchia, D-Passaic, which permits the manufacture and sale of slot machines within the state to New Jersey casinos. The bill defines such a business as a casino service industry and requires licensing by the Casino Control Commission.

A-48, sponsored by Assemblyman Michael J. Matthews, D-Atlantic, which permits the governing body of a county or municipality to appropriate funds to private, non-profit organizations for the purpose of providing services to runaway or homeless youths, under the age of 18, and their families.

A-796, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter M.D. Kern, R-Bergen, which extends the right of discovery to persons accused of drunk driving.

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