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Committee Green Sheet Committee on Youth Services

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Oversight - Federal and State Legislative Issues Regarding Runaway and Homeless Youth

Res 1227-2008

Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to amend the Federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and implement regulations to increase the maximum eligible age for services to 24 years old from under 22 years old and to recognize the unique needs of LGBTQ runaway and homeless youth; and calling upon the New York State Legislature to amend the State Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and implement regulations to increase the maximum eligible age for services to 24 years old from 21 years old, to recognize the unique needs of LGBTQ runaway and homeless youth, specifically by allowing, where appropriate, settings that are not gender segregated, to allow the maximum length of stay for youth in transitional independent living programs to be calculated independently of their 21st birthdays, to ease the 24-hour staffing requirement for residential programs, and to provide start-up grants for State certification applicants to use during the certification waiting period.

Proposed Res. No. 1227-A