# Assembly Bill No. 133–Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson

### CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public welfare; setting forth legislative findings and declarations concerning homeless youth; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

This bill: (1) sets forth legislative findings relating to homeless youth as a subpopulation of the homeless population with complex and different needs than the adult homeless population; and (2) declares that it is consistent with the Legislature's intent that the counties in this State work with local community organizations to identify sources of funding and provide funding to reduce youth homelessness.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material; is material to be omitted.

# THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

## **Section 1.** 1. The Legislature hereby finds that:

- (a) Homeless youth are a subpopulation of the homeless population.
- (b) The factors that affect homeless youth are complex and differ from those impacting the adult homeless population because of the developmental needs and limited life experiences of homeless youth.
- (c) Homeless shelters serving poor or indigent adults may not provide a safe environment for homeless youth.
- (d) There is an urgent need to reduce youth homelessness in this State.
- 2. The Legislature hereby declares that it is consistent with the Legislature's intent that the counties in this State work with local community organizations to identify sources of funding, including, without limitation, grants, and provide funding to reduce youth homelessness.
  - Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

