

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice offers the following substitute to HB 1053:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to registration of organizations providing services to runaway and homeless youth,
3 so as to change a definition; to clarify that registered organizations are not exempt from the
4 regulation of early care and education programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 registration of organizations providing services to runaway and homeless youth, is amended
10 by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 49-5-160, relating to definitions and qualifications,
11 as follows:

12 "(2) 'Organization' means a nonprofit charitable organization which is exempt from
13 taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue
14 Code; and which:

15 (A) Serves children who ~~have~~:

16 (i) Have run away or children who are homeless;

17 (ii) Have a history of running away;

18 (iii) Are homeless;

19 (iv) Are at risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice or child welfare
20 system in this state; or

21 (v) Have been placed by his or her parent or legal guardian;

22 (B) Has qualified staff on duty at all hours the organization is open for service; and

23 (C) Employs at least one individual who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A, 26, 34,
24 or 39 of Title 43."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 49-5-161, relating
27 to required registration and form, as follows:

28 "(a) ~~All On and after July 1, 2011, all~~ organizations shall register under this Code section
29 by submitting a form to the department, upon forms furnished by the department. The form
30 shall require the name, address, and telephone number of the organization and emergency
31 contact information."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-164, relating to registered
34 organizations not exempt, as follows:

35 "49-5-164.

36 Nothing in this article shall be construed to exempt a registered organization from the
37 requirements of:

38 (1) Code Section 49-5-12 for minors who are present with a ~~service provider~~ registered
39 organization longer than 72 hours after the minor has accepted services; and

40 (2) Code Section 20-1A-10 regulating licensure, commissioning, and inspections of early
41 care and education programs."

42 **SECTION 4.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.