

LD 1275

KEEP HOMELESS

YOUTH SAFE

- ❑ Helps homeless youth access mental and physical health care
- ❑ Protect health care providers who serve homeless youth
- ❑ Minor amendments to existing law with major impact on youth

A statewide survey of unaccompanied homeless youth found serious barriers to accessing the most basic health services, including mental health care. Young people cited lack of mental health care as their greatest barrier to success at work and in school.

OVER 500 SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH ARE HOMELESS ON THEIR OWN IN MAINE IN A YEAR.



70% report experiencing violence; 32% includes sexual assault



40% are victims of sex trafficking



7.2x more likely to attempt suicide

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