

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 2591 (Weber) The Basic Material Needs for Homeless Children Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 2591, authored by Assemblymember Shirley**
4 **Weber, the Basic Material Needs for Homeless Children Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, During the 2013-2014 school year there were nearly 270,000 homeless
7 children and youth identified in California public schools under the definition provided by the
8 United States McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and

9 WHEREAS, According to government data, academic research, a survey of more than
10 200 homeless liaisons and various other sources, these students have poorer academic and
11 life outcomes when compared to their affluent peers; and

12 WHEREAS, A significant hardship that contributes to these poor outcomes as identified
13 by many of these sources is an absence of access to basic material needs such as school
14 supplies, toiletries, shoes, clothes, dental supplies and other materials; and

15 WHEREAS, Organizations which would be funded under this proposed legislation have
16 effectively aided tens of thousands of children in dozens of schools in San Francisco and
17 elsewhere in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has established ties to nonprofit
19 community benefit organizations to create public-private partnerships to address the material
20 needs of homeless and low-income children; and

21 WHEREAS, These nonprofit and private partners in the community have sponsored
22 Assembly Bill 2591, the Basic Material Needs for Homeless Children Act, authored by
23 Assemblymember Shirley Weber and coauthored by Assembly member Nancy Skinner; and

24 WHEREAS, AB 2591 will provide additional funding to the San Francisco Human
25 Services Agency to provide basic material needs assistance to homeless children by

1 partnering with various nonprofits, including homeless shelters and domestic violence
2 shelters; and

3 WHEREAS, AB 2591 would enable social service agencies throughout California to
4 meet the basic material needs of homeless children and youth throughout California; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the Bay Area state
7 delegation to support Assembly Bill 2591, the Basic Material Needs for Homeless Children
8 Act.

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