

A Bill to Provide Alternatives to Detention for Juvenile Status Offenders

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
2 Act of 1974 shall be amended to include a plan to provide alternatives to
3 detention for status offenders, such as diversion to home-based or
4 community-based services or treatment.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “status offenders” means a juvenile who is
6 charged with or who has committed an offense that would not be criminal
7 if committed by an adult.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, through its Office of Juvenile
9 Justice and Delinquency Prevention, shall restore meaningful enforcement
10 of the core requirements in Title II.

11 **SECTION 4.** The amendment made shall take effect the 1st day of the
12 1st fiscal year that begins after the date of enactment.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

This bill respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.