

# 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 Act of 1974 shall  
2                    be amended to include a plan to provide alternatives to detention for  
3                    status offenders, such as diversion to home-based or community-based  
4                    services or treatment.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   The term “status offenders” means a juvenile who is charged with or who  
6                    has committed an offense that would not be criminal if committed by an  
7                    adult.
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Justice, through its Office of Juvenile Justice and  
9                    Delinquency Prevention, shall restore meaningful enforcement of the core  
10                   requirements in Title II.
- 11 **SECTION 4.**   The amendment made shall take effect the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year  
12                   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.*