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HOMELESS YOUTH TO ADVOCATE THIS WEEK

A commission looking into how to address the needs of homeless youth who are not living with their families will meet Wednesday morning and advocates will visit the State House on Thursday to give officials their perspective. The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and the Leadership Development Program of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance will meet with lawmakers to discuss the extent of youth homelessness and the services and housing opportunities available, according to Caitlyn Golden, spokeswoman for the alliance. Lawmakers this year overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of \$2 million for pilot programs to benefit unaccompanied homeless youth. The governor had justified his veto saying, "Once the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission finalizes its recommendations, appropriate funding levels will be analyzed relative to Commission findings." The commission will meet at the Ashburton Café on Wednesday at 9 a.m., according to Golden. The advocacy event will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the House Members Lounge. - Andy Metzger/SHNS