



Queensland

New Settlement Services Youth Bill 2008

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for

A Youth Act to provide a State-wide framework and shared space to existing support services for newly settled immigrants and refugees

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Part 1 Preliminary 2

1 Short title 3

This Youth Act may be cited as the *New Settlement Services Youth Act 2008*. 4
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2 Commencement 6

This Youth Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation. 7
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3 Definitions 9

In this Youth Act— 10

board see section 4(1). 11

fixed centre means a centre located in a permanent structure and not capable of being moved. 12
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incentives means benefits provided to induce productivity and motivation. 14
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Local Government Area means a region as defined by the Local Government Authority. 16
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Minister means the Minister for Communities, Disability Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth. 18
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mobile centre means a centre, such as a vehicle, capable of being moved and relocated. 21
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NGO means non-government organisations which provide support services. 23
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	<i>support services</i> means services which provide support and assistance, particularly for refugees, immigrants and disadvantaged persons.	1 2 3
	<i>syllabus</i> means the outline of a course of study set by the board which an immigrant can access to assist integration, and which includes Australian rights and law, education, communications, multicultural affairs, counselling and administration.	4 5 6 7 8
4	The board	9
	(1) The Minister together with relevant stakeholders will establish the State Board (the <i>board</i>).	10 11
	(2) The board will consist of 5 persons selected by the Minister.	12
	(3) The board will appoint a State Coordinator as its head.	13
5	Responsibilities of the board	14
	The board will be responsible for—	15
	(a) fulfilling the obligations of this Youth Act; and	16
	(b) developing a State-wide program to help the integration of refugees and immigrants; and	17 18
	(c) establishing fixed centres in each of the local government areas; and	19 20
	(d) forming an appropriate syllabus to be implemented in each centre; and	21 22
	(e) establishing an incentives and reward scheme.	23

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Part 2	Centres	1
6	Fixed centres	2
	1) The board will establish a fixed centre in each local government area.	3 4
	2) Each fixed centre will have—	5
	(a) office space for NGOs; and	6
	(b) classroom space and facilities for teaching classes; and	7
	(c) trained staff members.	8
	(3) Each fixed centre will be responsible for—	9
	(a) implementing the syllabus; and	10
	(b) forming and implementing additional syllabus items responsive to specific needs of the local area; and	11 12
	(c) providing a registry of local support services and relevant NGOs; and	13 14
	(d) providing a help-desk.	15
7	Mobile centres	16
	(1) Each fixed centre, with the approval of the board, may also have a mobile centre.	17 18
	(2) Mobile centres will have the same responsibilities as fixed centres.	19 20
8	Leadership	21
	(1) Centres in each local government area will be managed by an area director.	22 23
	(2) Area directors will be employees of the State.	24

Part 3	Establishment of regional framework	1 2
9	Regional board	3
	The board must establish a regional board consisting of 1 area director from each of the following districts—	4 5
	(a) Brisbane;	6
	(b) Central West;	7
	(c) Darling Downs;	8
	(d) Far North;	9
	(e) Fitzroy;	10
	(f) Mackay;	11
	(g) Moreton;	12
	(h) Northern;	13
	(i) North West;	14
	(j) South West;	15
	(k) Wide Bay-Burnett.	16
10	Regional board members	17
	(1) The 11 district representatives will be regional officers and serve on the regional board for 2 years.	18 19
	(2) The regional board will work with the board to develop region-based syllabus and to implement the program.	20 21
11	Area board	22
	(1) Each local government area will have an area board to be headed by an area director.	23 24
	(2) The area board will consist of members of support services and NGOs in each local government area.	25 26

