

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2017 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/HB 329 — Child Protection

by Health and Human Services Committee and Reps. Harrell and others (SB 762 by Senator Baxley)

CS/HB 329 relates to child visitation where a parent resides in a recovery residence, or sober home, because of a drug or alcohol addiction. The bill provides that in such cases, a court-ordered time-sharing plan may not require a minor child to visit a parent between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. if that parent lives in a recovery residence. The bill provides as a condition of certification by the Department of Children and Families that a recovery residence may not allow a child to visit a resident parent during those hours. The bill also prohibits court-ordered visitation of a minor child to a recovery residence where a sexual predator or sexual offender resides.

The bill is intended to clarify that a minor child cannot be required by a court, through a time-sharing plan, to visit overnight with a parent that resides in a substance abuse recovery residence.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0