

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Community Affairs**

**SB 594 — Local Housing Assistance Plans**

by Senators Burton and Arrington

The bill requires each county and municipality local housing assistance plan under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program to include a strategy for providing program funds to mobile home owners, including assistance with lot rental payments. The bill specifies that lot rental assistance is an approved home ownership activity for which local governments may award SHIP funds, but such assistance may not exceed the equivalent of six months' rent. The bill also authorizes funds reserved for the construction, rehabilitation, or emergency repair of eligible housing to be used for the rehabilitation or emergency repairs of mobile homes.

Finally, the bill removes the current law restriction that limits the use of SHIP funds for manufactured housing to 20 percent of the total funds made available in each county and municipality.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 110-0*