THE FLORIDA SENATE 2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 7013 — OGSR/Residential Facilities Serving Victims of Sexual Exploitation

by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee and Rep. Daniels and others (SB 7034 by Criminal Justice Committee)

The bill amends ss. 409.1678 and 787.06, F.S., to save from repeal the public record exemptions relating to location information of safe houses, safe foster homes, other residential facilities serving child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and residential facilities serving adult victims of human trafficking involving commercial sexual activity, respectively. The exemptions contained in ss. 409.1678 and 787.06, F.S., are scheduled to repeal on October 2, 2020. This bill removes these scheduled repeals to continue the confidential and exempt status of the information.

Safe houses and safe foster homes are certified by the Department of Children and Families to care for sexually exploited children. Safe houses and safe foster homes must provide a safe, separate, and therapeutic environment tailored to the needs of specified commercially sexually exploited children who have endured significant trauma.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

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