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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to supportive housing; directing the Secretary of Children and Family 3 Services and the Secretary of Health Care 4 Administration to establish a workgroup to 5 review issues related to, and to improve, 6 7 consumer protection in state-funded supportive 8 housing; providing for membership and staff of 9 the workgroup; requiring legislative recommendations; requiring a report; providing 10 11 an effective date. 12 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 15 Section 1. The Secretary of Children and Family 16 Services and the Secretary of Health Care Administration shall 17 establish a workgroup for the purposes of reviewing issues 18 associated with consumer protection in state-funded supportive 19 housing and developing legislative recommendations to improve consumer protection for consumers of state-funded mental 20 21 health services who reside in state-funded supportive housing 2.2 living arrangements. The workgroup objectives are limited to 23 the development of a licensure requirement, annual surveys to 24 determine appropriateness of placement, and the imposition of 25 a consumer bill of rights tied to a civil liability statute. 26 The Secretary of Children and Family Services and the 27 Secretary of Health Care Administration shall each appoint an 28 equal number of representatives from their respective 29 departments and an equal number of representatives from the 30 Florida Health Care Association, the Florida Assisted Living Affiliation, the Florida Association of Homes for the Aging, 31

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the Florida Council for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and the Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc. The workgroup shall be staffed by representatives from the Department of Children and Family Services and the Agency for Health Care Administration. Each member of the workgroup shall serve at his or her own expense. The workgroup shall prepare recommendations no later than January 1, 2003, and provide a copy to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY Directs the Secretary of Children and Family Services and the Secretary of Health Care Administration to establish a workgroup to review issues associated with consumer recommendations to improve consumer protection for consumers of mental health services who reside in such housing. Legislative recommendations must be reported to the Governor and Legislature by January 1, 2003. 

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