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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to community residential homes; amending
3 s. 419.001, F.S.; requiring additional security be
4 provided at a community residential home or dwelling unit
5 if clients of specified state agencies or a sponsoring
6 agency have been referred to the community residential
7 home or dwelling unit by a criminal justice agency or a
8 judge of a criminal court; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 419.001, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.--

15 (9) (a) ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not shall permit
16 persons to occupy a community residential home who would
17 constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of other
18 persons or whose residency would result in substantial physical
19 damage to the property of others.

20 (b) A community residential home or dwelling unit that
21 receives residents who are clients of the Department of Elderly
22 Affairs, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department
23 of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and Family
24 Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, or a
25 sponsoring agency who have been referred to the community
26 residential home or dwelling unit by a criminal justice agency or
27 a judge of a criminal court must provide 24-hour security at the
28 community residential home or dwelling unit in order to protect
29 the health, safety, and welfare of the other residents of the

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30 | community residential home or dwelling unit and the residents of
31 | the surrounding community.

32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.