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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/05/2014	.	
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The Committee on Judiciary (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 743.067, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

743.067 Unaccompanied homeless youths.-

(1) For purposes of this section, an "unaccompanied
homeless youth" is an individual, as defined in 42 U.S.C. s.
11434a, who is also a certified homeless youth, as defined in s.
382.002, and who is 16 years of age or older and is:



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12 (a) Found by a school district's liaison for homeless
13 children and youths to be an unaccompanied homeless youth
14 eligible for services pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless
15 Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 11431-11435; or

16 (b) Believed to qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth,
17 as that term is defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless
18 Assistance Act, by:

19 1. The director of an emergency shelter program funded by
20 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,
21 or the director's designee;

22 2. The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center
23 or transitional living program funded by the United States
24 Department of Health and Human Services, or the director's
25 designee;

26 3. A clinical social worker licensed under chapter 491; or

27 4. A court.

28 (2) A minor who qualifies as an unaccompanied homeless
29 youth shall be given a written certificate on agency letterhead,
30 citing to this section, of his or her status as an unaccompanied
31 homeless youth. A health care provider may accept the written
32 certificate under this subsection and may keep a copy of the
33 certificate in the medical file.

34 (3) An unaccompanied homeless youth may:

35 (a) Petition the circuit court to have the disabilities of
36 nonage removed under s. 743.015. The youth shall qualify as a
37 person not required to prepay costs and fees as provided in s.
38 57.081. The court shall advance the cause on the calendar.

39 (b) Consent to medical, dental, psychological, substance
40 abuse, and surgical diagnosis and treatment, including



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41 preventative care and care by a facility licensed under chapter
42 394, chapter 395, or chapter 397 and any forensic medical
43 examination for the purpose of investigating any felony offense
44 under chapter 784, chapter 787, chapter 794, chapter 800, or
45 chapter 827, for:

- 46 1. Himself or herself; or
47 2. His or her child, if the unaccompanied homeless youth is
48 unmarried, is the parent of the child, and has actual custody of
49 the child.

50 (4) This section does not affect the requirements of s.
51 390.01114.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete everything before the enacting clause
57 and insert:

58 A bill to be entitled
59 An act relating to unaccompanied homeless youth;
60 amending s. 743.067, F.S.; defining the term
61 "unaccompanied homeless youth"; providing for a
62 certification; authorizing certain unaccompanied
63 homeless youths to consent to medical, dental,
64 psychological, substance abuse, and surgical diagnosis
65 and treatment, and forensic medical examinations for
66 themselves and for their children in certain
67 circumstances; providing that such consent does not
68 affect the requirements of the Parental Notice of
69 Abortion Act; providing an effective date.