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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/13/2017	.	
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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Garcia) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1693 and 1694

insert:

Section 28. Section 743.067, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

743.067 Certified unaccompanied homeless youths.-

(1) For purposes of this section, the term ~~an~~ "certified unaccompanied homeless youth" means a minor who is a homeless child or youth or an unaccompanied youth, as those terms are



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11 defined in 42 U.S.C. s. 11434a., who has been certified as
12 homeless or unaccompanied by ~~is an individual who is 16 years of~~
13 ~~age or older and is:~~

14 (a) A school district homeless liaison;

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

19 ~~(b) Believed to qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth,~~
20 ~~as that term is defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless~~
21 ~~Assistance Act, by:~~

22 (b)1. The director of an emergency shelter program funded
23 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
24 Development, or the director's designee; or

25 (c)2. The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic
26 center or transitional living program funded by the United
27 States Department of Health and Human Services, or the
28 director's designee.†

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

30 ~~4. A circuit court.~~

31 (2)(a) The Office on Homelessness within the Department of
32 Children and Families shall develop a standardized form that
33 must be used by the entities specified in subsection (1) to
34 certify qualifying unaccompanied homeless youth. The form must
35 include the circumstances that qualify the youth; the date the
36 youth was certified; the name, title, and signature of the
37 certifying individual; and a citation to this section. A minor
38 ~~who qualifies as an unaccompanied homeless youth shall be issued~~
39 ~~a written certificate documenting his or her status by the~~



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40 ~~appropriate individual as provided in subsection (1). The~~
41 ~~certificate shall be issued on the official letterhead~~
42 ~~stationery of the person making the determination and shall~~
43 ~~include the date of the finding, a citation to this section, and~~
44 ~~the signature of the individual making the finding.~~

45 (b) A certified unaccompanied homeless youth may use the
46 completed form to apply at no charge for an identification card
47 issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
48 pursuant to s. 322.051(9).

49 (c) A health care provider may accept the written
50 certificate or identification card as proof of the minor's
51 status as a certified ~~an~~ unaccompanied homeless youth and may
52 keep a copy of the certificate or identification card in the
53 youth's medical file.

54 (3) A certified ~~an~~ unaccompanied homeless youth may:

55 (a) Petition the circuit court to have the disabilities of
56 nonage removed under s. 743.015. The youth shall qualify as a
57 person not required to prepay costs and fees as provided in s.
58 57.081. The court shall advance the cause on the calendar.

59 (b) Notwithstanding s. 394.4625(1), consent to medical,
60 dental, psychological, substance abuse, and surgical diagnosis
61 and treatment, including preventative care and care by a
62 facility licensed under chapter 394, chapter 395, or chapter 397
63 and any forensic medical examination for the purpose of
64 investigating any felony offense under chapter 784, chapter 787,
65 chapter 794, chapter 800, or chapter 827, for:

- 66 1. Himself or herself; or
67 2. His or her child, if the certified unaccompanied
68 homeless youth is unmarried, is the parent of the child, and has



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69 actual custody of the child.

70 (4) This section does not affect the requirements of s.
71 390.01114.

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73 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

74 And the title is amended as follows:

75 Between lines 108 and 109

76 insert:

77 amending s. 743.067, F.S.; defining the term
78 "certified unaccompanied homeless youth"; requiring
79 the Office on Homelessness within the Department of
80 Children and Families to develop a standardized form
81 to be used in the certification process; providing
82 information that must be included in the form;
83 authorizing a certified unaccompanied homeless youth
84 to apply at no charge to the Department of Highway
85 Safety and Motor Vehicles for an identification card;
86 conforming terminology;