

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senator Steube

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to residential treatment center
3 requirements; amending s. 409.1678, F.S.; eliminating
4 certain requirements for residential treatment centers
5 that provide services to commercially sexually
6 exploited children; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 409.1678, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 409.1678 Specialized residential options for children who
13 are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.—

14 (3) SERVICES WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER OR
15 HOSPITAL.—Residential treatment centers licensed under s.
16 394.875, and hospitals licensed under chapter 395 that provide
17 residential mental health treatment, shall provide specialized
18 treatment for commercially sexually exploited children in the
19 custody of the department who are placed in these facilities
20 pursuant to s. 39.407(6), s. 394.4625, or s. 394.467.

21 (a) The specialized treatment must meet the requirements of
22 subparagraphs (2) (c) 1., 3., 6., and 7. ~~(2) (c) 1. and 3.-7.,~~
23 paragraph (2) (d), and the department's treatment standards
24 adopted pursuant to this section. However, a residential
25 treatment center or hospital may prioritize the delivery of
26 certain services among those required under paragraph (2) (d) to
27 meet the specific treatment needs of the child.

28 (b) The facilities shall ensure that children are served in
29 single-sex groups and that staff working with such children are

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30 adequately trained in the effects of trauma and sexual
31 exploitation, the needs of child victims of commercial sexual
32 exploitation, and how to address those needs using strength-
33 based and trauma-informed approaches.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.