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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER _____

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Salzman offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 57-129 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 402.88, Florida Statutes, is created to
8 read:

9 402.88 Adult safe houses.-

10 (1) As used in this section, the term:

11 (a) "Adult safe house" means a group residential facility
12 that provides housing and care specifically for adult survivors
13 of human trafficking.

14 (b) "Adult survivor of human trafficking" or "survivor"
15 means an individual who has reached the age of 18 and who has
16 been subjected to human trafficking as defined in s. 787.06.

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17 (c) "Department" means the Department of Children and
18 Families.

19 (2) The Services and Resources Committee of the Statewide
20 Council on Human Trafficking established under s. 16.617 shall
21 conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the
22 regulation of adult safe houses, as provided in this section.

23 (a) The Department of Children and Families shall provide
24 administrative and staff support to the committee in meeting the
25 requirements of this section.

26 (b) The committee shall submit an interim report regarding
27 its activities and findings by October 1, 2023, to the Governor,
28 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives. The committee shall submit a final report
30 addressing all requirements of this subsection by December 31,
31 2023, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
32 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

33 (2) The committee shall survey operators of existing adult
34 safe houses in the state to determine the following information
35 regarding their operation. The information may be obtained and
36 presented on a categorical or high-level basis, as appropriate.

37 (a) The number of adult safe houses in Florida and the
38 regions of the state where they are located.

39 (b) The number of beds in adult safe houses and number of
40 individuals served per year.

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41 (c) The policies and criteria regarding which adult
42 survivors of human trafficking may be served and the processes
43 for intake and discharge, such as for how referrals are
44 received.

45 (d) The amount of revenues supporting adult safe house
46 operation and the sources of such funds, including but not
47 limited to the amount of state and federal funds received and
48 the specific source of such state and federal funds.

49 (e) Services and supports provided to adult survivors of
50 human trafficking directly by the adult safe house and services
51 to which residents are referred, including while they are
52 residing in the adult safe house and after transitioning out of
53 the adult safe house.

54 (f) Training requirements for staff and volunteers.

55 (g) The nature of and mechanisms for coordination with law
56 enforcement.

57 (h) Whether the adult safe houses allow children of adult
58 survivors of human trafficking to also reside in the houses, and
59 if so, policies regarding their residence in the house and
60 services directly provided to them or to which they may be
61 referred.

62 (i) Policies of adult safe houses that ensure that adult
63 survivors of human trafficking are served in a respectful and
64 trauma-informed manner.

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65 (j) Challenges faced by adult safe houses in providing a
66 safe and therapeutic environment that is trauma-informed and in
67 providing services to residents and their children.

68 (k) Any accreditations held by adult safe houses,
69 external standards promulgated by outside bodies that houses
70 meet, or other industry certifications held by adult safe
71 houses.

72 (l) Identification of ineffective or problematic practices
73 in existing adult safe houses in the state and recommendations
74 regarding minimum standards for regulation.

75 (3) As part of the study, the committee shall also:

76 (a) Identify and review standards recommended by national
77 organizations or experts specializing in adult safe house
78 service provision or shelter or housing for adult survivors of
79 human trafficking.

80 (b) Obtain recommendations from adult survivors of human
81 trafficking and law enforcement agencies regarding regulation of
82 adult safe homes.

83 (4) The committee shall develop recommendations for
84 regulation of adult safe houses in Florida based on, at a
85 minimum, the information obtained by the committee under this
86 section.

87 (3) After December 31, 2023, the department shall initiate
88 rulemaking and adopt rules establishing minimum standards for
89 certification of adult safe houses to ensure that they provide a

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90 safe and therapeutic environment and operate in a survivor-
91 centered and trauma-informed manner. After rules are adopted to
92 certify adult safe houses, only adult safe houses certified by
93 the department may provide group residential housing and care
94 specifically for adult survivors of human trafficking. Adult
95 safe houses in operation as of the date that rules initially
96 adopted under this section become effective shall have six
97 months from such date to become certified.

98 (a) The department shall adopt rules for the operation of
99 adult safe homes, including standards for, at a minimum, the
100 following:

101 1. Safe and therapeutic environments to receive and house
102 adult survivors of human trafficking.

103 2. Appropriate security.

104 3. Coordination with local law enforcement agencies.

105 4. Safe and appropriate sheltering of minor children and
106 other dependents of an adult survivor of human trafficking.

107 5. Operations based on trauma-informed and survivor-
108 centered principles.

109 6. Trauma-informed, survivor-centered services that must
110 at a minimum be provided, and other services that may be
111 provided or to which adult survivors of human trafficking may be
112 referred.

113 7. Appropriate training, background screening, and
114 compliance with policies and procedures, by owners, directors,

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115 board members, personnel, and volunteers of the adult safe
116 house, as applicable.

117 (b) The department shall require complete applications for
118 certification and for recertification, which must be renewed
119 every two years, using forms furnished by the department, and
120 provide all required information.

121 (c) The department shall inspect adult safe houses before
122 certification and at least annually thereafter to ensure
123 compliance with the requirements of this section.

124 (d) An adult safe house may provide to the department a
125 list of the names of the human trafficking advocates who are
126 employed or who volunteer at the adult safe house who may claim
127 a privilege under s. 90.5037 to refuse to disclose a
128 confidential communication between a victim of human trafficking
129 and the advocate regarding the human trafficking inflicted upon
130 the adult survivor of human trafficking. If a list is filed,
131 the list must include the title of the position held by the
132 advocate whose name is listed and a description of the duties of
133 that position. An adult safe house shall file amendments to this
134 list as necessary.

135 (e) If the department finds failure by an adult safe house
136 to comply with the requirements established in or rules adopted
137 under this section, the department may subject the adult safe
138 house to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to,
139 requiring a corrective action plan, imposing administrative

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140 finest, or denying, suspending, or revoking the certification of
141 the adult safe house.

142 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 509.096, Florida
143 Statutes, is amended to read:

144 509.096 Human trafficking awareness training and policies
145 for employees of public lodging establishments; enforcement.—

146 (3) For a violation committed on or after July 1, 2023,
147 the division shall impose an administrative fine of \$2,000 per
148 day on a public lodging establishment that is not in compliance
149 with this section and remit the fines to the direct-support
150 organization established under s. 16.618, unless the division
151 receives adequate written documentation from the public lodging
152 establishment which provides assurance that each deficiency will
153 be corrected within ~~45~~90 days after the division provided the
154 public lodging establishment with notice of its violation. For a
155 second or subsequent violation of the section committed on or
156 after July 1, 2023, the division may not provide a correction
157 period to a public lodging establishment and must impose the
158 applicable administrative fines.

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161 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

162 Remove lines 8-18 and insert:
163 adopt rules; creating s. 402.88, F.S.; defining terms;
164 authorizing rulemaking; providing application and renewal

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165 requirements; allowing adult safe homes to provide lists of
166 advocates who are employed or who volunteer at the adult safe
167 house who may claim a privilege under s. 90.5037; requiring the
168 department to inspect adult safe houses before certification and
169 annually thereafter; authorizing the department to take certain
170 actions for noncompliance; requiring a committee of the
171 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to conduct a study;
172 specifying requirements for the study; requiring the department
173 to establish a process to certify adult safe houses that provide
174 housing and care to adult survivors of human trafficking;
175 providing certification requirements; amending s. 509.096, F.S.;
176 reducing the time to correct a violation; requiring the
177 Department of Business and Professional Regulation to impose a
178 penalty for subsequent violations by public lodging
179 establishments; amending s.