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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee
3 Representative Salzman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
7 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 394.875, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 394.875 Crisis stabilization units, residential treatment
10 facilities, and residential treatment centers for children and
11 adolescents; authorized services; license required.-

12 (8) (a) The department, in consultation with the agency,
13 must adopt rules governing a residential treatment center for
14 children and adolescents which specify licensure standards for:
15 admission; length of stay; program and staffing; discharge and
16 discharge planning; treatment planning; seclusion, restraints,

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17 and time-out; rights of patients under s. 394.459; use of
18 psychotropic medications; and standards for the operation of
19 such centers.

20 (b) Residential treatment centers for children and
21 adolescents must conspicuously place signs on their premises to
22 warn children and adolescents of the dangers of human
23 trafficking and to encourage the reporting of individuals
24 observed attempting to engage in human trafficking activity. The
25 signs must contain the telephone number for the National Human
26 Trafficking Hotline or such other number that the Department of
27 Law Enforcement uses to detect and stop human trafficking. The
28 department, in consultation with the agency, shall specify, at a
29 minimum, the content of the signs by rule.

30 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 787.29,
31 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (4) of that
32 section is republished, to read:

33 787.29 Human trafficking public awareness signs.—

34 (3)(a) The employer at each of the following
35 establishments shall display a public awareness sign developed
36 under subsection (4) in a conspicuous location that is clearly
37 visible to the public and employees of the establishment:

38 1.(a) A strip club or other adult entertainment
39 establishment.

40 2.(b) A business or establishment that offers massage or
41 bodywork services for compensation that is not owned by a health

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42 care practitioner regulated pursuant to chapter 456 and defined
43 in s. 456.001.

44 (b) The county commission may adopt an ordinance to
45 enforce this subsection. A violation of this subsection is a
46 noncriminal violation and punishable by a fine only as provided
47 in s. 775.083.

48 (4) The required public awareness sign must be at least
49 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a
50 16-point type, and must state substantially the following in
51 English and Spanish:

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53 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage
54 in an activity and cannot leave—whether it is
55 prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work,
56 retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity—
57 call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at
58 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to
59 access help and services. Victims of slavery and human
60 trafficking are protected under United States and
61 Florida law."

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63 ~~(5) The county commission may adopt an ordinance to~~
64 ~~enforce subsection (3). A violation of subsection (3) is a~~
65 ~~noncriminal violation and punishable by a fine only as provided~~
66 ~~in s. 775.083.~~

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67 Section 3. Section 402.88, Florida Statutes, is created to
68 read:

69 402.88 Adult safe houses for adults who have been sexually
70 exploited or trafficked.—

71 (1) As used in this section the term:

72 (a) "Adult safe house" means a group residential facility
73 certified by the department under this section to care for
74 adults who have been sexually exploited or trafficked.

75 (b) "Department" means the Department of Children and
76 Families.

77 (2) The department shall establish a process to certify
78 adult safe houses that provide housing and care to adult
79 survivors of human trafficking as defined in s. 787.06. The
80 adult safe houses certified under this section must:

81 (a) Provide a facility which will serve as an adult safe
82 house to receive and house persons who are victims of human
83 trafficking. For the purpose of this section, minor children and
84 other dependents of a victim, when such dependents are partly or
85 wholly dependent on the victim for support or services, may be
86 sheltered with the victim in an adult safe house.

87 (b) Receive the annual written endorsement of local law
88 enforcement agencies.

89 (c) Provide minimum services that include, but are not
90 limited to, information and referral services, licensed
91 counseling and case management services, substance abuse

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92 screening and, when necessary, access or referral to treatment,
93 temporary emergency shelter for more than 24 hours, a 24-hour
94 hotline, nonresidential outreach services, training for law
95 enforcement personnel, assessment and appropriate referral of
96 resident children, and educational services for community
97 awareness relative to the incidence of human trafficking, the
98 prevention of such crimes, and the services available for
99 persons subject to human trafficking. If a 24-hour hotline,
100 professional training, or community education is already
101 provided by an adult safe house within its designated service
102 area, the department may exempt such certification requirements
103 for a new center serving the same service area to avoid
104 duplication of services.

105 (d) Participate in the provision of orientation and
106 training programs developed for law enforcement officers, social
107 workers, and other professionals and paraprofessionals who work
108 with human trafficking victims to better enable such persons to
109 deal effectively with incidents of human trafficking.

110 (e) Provide a safe, therapeutic environment tailored to
111 the needs of commercially sexually exploited or trafficked
112 adults who have endured significant trauma. Adult safe houses
113 shall use a model of treatment that includes strength-based and
114 trauma-informed approaches.

115 (f) File with the department a list of the names of the
116 human trafficking advocates who are employed or who volunteer at

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117 the adult safe house who may claim a privilege under s. 90.5037
118 to refuse to disclose a confidential communication between a
119 victim of human trafficking and the advocate regarding the human
120 trafficking inflicted upon the victim. The list must include the
121 title of the position held by the advocate whose name is listed
122 and a description of the duties of that position. An adult safe
123 house shall file amendments to this list as necessary.

124 (g) Comply with rules adopted under this section.

125 (3) The department may adopt rules to implement this
126 section.

127 (4) The department shall inspect adult safe houses before
128 certification and annually thereafter to ensure compliance with
129 the requirements of this section.

130 (5) The department shall ensure the staff of each adult
131 safe house completes intensive training that, at a minimum,
132 includes the needs of victims of commercial sexual exploitation,
133 the effects of trauma and sexual exploitation, and how to
134 address victims' needs using strength-based and trauma-informed
135 approaches. The department shall specify by rule the contents of
136 this training and may develop or contract for a standard
137 curriculum.

138 (6) If the department finds that there is failure by an
139 adult safe house to comply with the requirements established, or
140 rules adopted, under this section, the department may deny,
141 suspend, or revoke the certification of the adult safe house.

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142 Section 4. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of
143 section 409.1678, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

144 409.1678 Specialized residential options for children who
145 are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.—

146 (2) CERTIFICATION OF SAFE HOUSES AND SAFE FOSTER HOMES.—

147 (c) To be certified, a safe house must hold a license as a
148 residential child-caring agency, as defined in s. 409.175, and a
149 safe foster home must hold a license as a family foster home, as
150 defined in s. 409.175. A safe house or safe foster home must
151 also:

152 1. Use strength-based and trauma-informed approaches to
153 care, to the extent possible and appropriate.

154 2. Serve exclusively one sex.

155 3. Group child victims of commercial sexual exploitation
156 by age or maturity level.

157 4. Care for child victims of commercial sexual
158 exploitation in a manner that separates those children from
159 children with other needs. Safe houses and safe foster homes may
160 care for other populations if the children who have not
161 experienced commercial sexual exploitation do not interact with
162 children who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation.

163 5. Have awake staff members on duty 24 hours a day, if a
164 safe house.

165 6. a. Provide appropriate security through facility
166 design, hardware, technology, staffing, and siting, including,

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167 but not limited to, external video monitoring or door exit
168 alarms, a high staff-to-client ratio, or being situated in a
169 remote location that is isolated from major transportation
170 centers and common trafficking areas.

171 b. If a safe house, appropriate security must include, for,
172 at a minimum, the detection of possible trafficking activity
173 around a facility, to be emergency response to search for absent
174 or missing children, and for coordination with law enforcement,
175 either:

176 i. At least one individual who is an employee or contractor
177 of the safe house that has law enforcement, investigative, or
178 other similar training, as established by rule by the
179 department; or

180 ii. A memorandum of understanding or a contract with a law
181 enforcement agency for these functions.

182 7. If a safe house, conspicuously place signs on the
183 premises to warn children of the dangers of human trafficking
184 and to encourage the reporting of individuals observed
185 attempting to engage in human trafficking activity. The signs
186 must advise children to report concerns to the local law
187 enforcement agency or the Department of Law Enforcement,
188 specifying the appropriate telephone numbers used for such
189 reports. The department shall specify, at a minimum, the content
190 of the signs by rule.

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191 8. Meet other criteria established by department rule,
192 which may include, but are not limited to, personnel
193 qualifications, staffing ratios, and types of services offered.

194 (d) Safe houses and safe foster homes shall provide
195 services tailored to the needs of child victims of commercial
196 sexual exploitation and shall conduct a comprehensive assessment
197 of the service needs of each resident. In addition to the
198 services required to be provided by residential child caring
199 agencies and family foster homes, safe houses and safe foster
200 homes must provide, arrange for, or coordinate, at a minimum,
201 the following services:

- 202 1. Victim-witness counseling.
- 203 2. Family counseling.
- 204 3. Behavioral health care.
- 205 4. Treatment and intervention for sexual assault.
- 206 5. Education tailored to the child's individual needs,
207 including remedial education if necessary.
- 208 6. Life skills and workforce training.
- 209 7. Mentoring by a survivor of commercial sexual
210 exploitation, if available and appropriate for the child.
- 211 8. Substance abuse screening and, when necessary, access
212 to treatment.
- 213 9. Planning services for the successful transition of each
214 child back to the community.

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215 10. Activities structured in a manner that provides child
216 victims of commercial sexual exploitation with a full schedule.

217 11. Deliver age-appropriate programming to educate
218 children regarding the signs and dangers of commercial sexual
219 exploitation and how to report commercial sexual exploitation.
220 The department shall develop or approve such programming.

221 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
222 409.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

223 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
224 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public
225 records exemption.—

226 (5) The department shall adopt and amend rules for the
227 levels of licensed care associated with the licensure of family
228 foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-
229 placing agencies. The rules may include criteria to approve
230 waivers to licensing requirements when applying for a child-
231 specific license.

232 (b) The requirements for licensure and operation of family
233 foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-
234 placing agencies shall include:

235 1. The operation, conduct, and maintenance of these homes
236 and agencies and the responsibility which they assume for
237 children served and the evidence of need for that service.

238 2. The provision of food, clothing, educational
239 opportunities, services, equipment, and individual supplies to

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240 assure the healthy physical, emotional, and mental development
241 of the children served.

242 3. The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and general
243 adequacy of the premises, including fire prevention and health
244 standards, to provide for the physical comfort, care, and well-
245 being of the children served.

246 4. The ratio of staff to children required to provide
247 adequate care and supervision of the children served and, in the
248 case of family foster homes, the maximum number of children in
249 the home.

250 5. The good moral character based upon screening,
251 education, training, and experience requirements for personnel
252 and family foster homes.

253 6. The department may grant exemptions from
254 disqualification from working with children or the
255 developmentally disabled as provided in s. 435.07.

256 7. The provision of preservice and inservice training for
257 all foster parents and agency staff.

258 8. Satisfactory evidence of financial ability to provide
259 care for the children in compliance with licensing requirements.

260 9. The maintenance by the agency of records pertaining to
261 admission, progress, health, and discharge of children served,
262 including written case plans and reports to the department.

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263 10. The provision for parental involvement to encourage
264 preservation and strengthening of a child's relationship with
265 the family.

266 11. The transportation safety of children served.

267 12. The provisions for safeguarding the cultural,
268 religious, and ethnic values of a child.

269 13. Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of children
270 served.

271 14. Requiring signs to be conspicuously placed on the
272 premises of facilities maintained by child-caring agencies to
273 warn children of the dangers of human trafficking and to
274 encourage the reporting of individuals observed attempting to
275 engage in human trafficking activity. The signs must advise
276 children to report concerns to the local law enforcement agency
277 or the Department of Law Enforcement, specifying the appropriate
278 telephone numbers used for such reports. The department shall
279 specify, at a minimum, the content of the signs by rule.

280 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to sexual exploitation and human trafficking;

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amending s. 394.875, F.S.; requiring residential treatment

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1557 (2023)

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288 centers for children and adolescents to place specified signage;
289 requiring the Department of Children and Families, in
290 consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, to
291 adopt rules; amending s. 787.29, F.S.; making technical changes;
292 creating s. 402.88, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the
293 Department of Children and Families to develop a process to
294 certify adult safe houses that provide housing and care to adult
295 survivors of human trafficking; providing certification
296 requirements; authorizing rulemaking; requiring the department
297 to inspect adult safe houses before certification and annually
298 thereafter; requiring the department to ensure the staff of each
299 adult safe house completes specified intensive training;
300 providing for department actions for noncompliance; amending s.
301 409.1678, F.S.; providing requirements for safe houses and safe
302 foster homes; requiring the Department of Children and Families
303 to develop or approve educational programming on commercial
304 sexual exploitation; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; requiring
305 specified signage to be placed on the premises of facilities
306 maintained by licensed child-caring agencies; requiring the
307 Department of Children and Families to adopt rules; providing an
308 effective date.

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