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Senator Ingoglia moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 70 - 147

and insert:

402.88 Adult safe houses.—

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

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

(b) "Adult survivor of human trafficking" or "survivor" means an individual who has reached the age of 18 and who has



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12 been subjected to human trafficking as defined in s. 787.06.

13 (c) "Department" means the Department of Children and  
14 Families.

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

19 (a) The department shall provide administrative and staff  
20 support to the committee in meeting the requirements of this  
21 section.

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

29 (3) The committee shall survey operators of existing adult  
30 safe houses in the state to determine the following information  
31 regarding their operation. The information may be obtained and  
32 presented on a categorical or high-level basis, as appropriate.

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

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

37 (c) The policies and criteria regarding which adult  
38 survivors of human trafficking may be served and the processes  
39 for intake and discharge, such as for how referrals are  
40 received.



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41           (d) The amount of revenues supporting adult safe house  
42 operation and the sources of such funds, including, but not  
43 limited to, the amount of state and federal funds received and  
44 the specific source of such state and federal funds.

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

50           (f) Training requirements for staff and volunteers.

51           (g) The nature of and mechanisms for coordination with law  
52 enforcement.

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

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

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

64           (k) Any accreditations held by adult safe houses, external  
65 standards promulgated by outside bodies which houses meet, or  
66 other industry certifications held by adult safe houses.

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



70       (4) As part of the study, the committee shall also:  
71       (a) Identify and review standards recommended by national  
72 organizations or experts specializing in adult safe house  
73 service provision or shelter or housing for adult survivors of  
74 human trafficking.  
75       (b) Obtain recommendations from adult survivors of human  
76 trafficking and law enforcement agencies regarding regulation of  
77 adult safe houses.  
78       (5) The committee shall develop recommendations for  
79 regulation of adult safe houses in Florida based on, at a  
80 minimum, the information obtained by the committee under this  
81 section.  
82       (6) After December 31, 2023, the department shall initiate  
83 rulemaking and adopt rules establishing minimum standards for  
84 certification of adult safe houses to ensure that they provide a  
85 safe and therapeutic environment and operate in a survivor-  
86 centered and trauma-informed manner. After rules are adopted to  
87 certify adult safe houses, only adult safe houses certified by  
88 the department may provide group residential housing and care  
89 specifically for adult survivors of human trafficking. Adult  
90 safe houses in operation as of the date that rules initially  
91 adopted under this section become effective shall have 6 months  
92 from such date to become certified.  
93       (a) The department shall adopt rules for the operation of  
94 adult safe houses, including standards for, at a minimum, the  
95 following:  
96       1. Safe and therapeutic environments to receive and house  
97 adult survivors of human trafficking.  
98       2. Appropriate security.



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99           3. Coordination with local law enforcement agencies.

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

102           5. Operations based on trauma-informed and survivor-  
103 centered principles.

104           6. Trauma-informed, survivor-centered services that must,  
105 at a minimum, be provided, and other services that may be  
106 provided or to which adult survivors of human trafficking may be  
107 referred.

108           7. Appropriate training, background screening, and  
109 compliance with policies and procedures by owners, directors,  
110 board members, personnel, and volunteers of the adult safe  
111 house, as applicable.

112           (b) The department shall require complete applications for  
113 certification and for recertification, which must be renewed  
114 every 2 years, using forms furnished by the department, and  
115 provide all required information.

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

119           (d) An adult safe house may provide to the department a  
120 list of the names of the human trafficking advocates who are  
121 employed or who volunteer at the adult safe house who may claim  
122 a privilege under s. 90.5037 to refuse to disclose a  
123 confidential communication between a victim of human trafficking  
124 and the advocate regarding the human trafficking inflicted upon  
125 the adult survivor of human trafficking. If a list is filed, the  
126 list must include the title of the position held by the advocate  
127 whose name is listed and a description of the duties of that



128 position. An adult safe house shall file amendments to this list  
129 as necessary.

130 (e) If the department finds failure by an adult safe house  
131 to comply with the requirements established in or rules adopted  
132 under this section, the department may subject the adult safe  
133 house to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to,  
134 requiring a corrective action plan, imposing administrative  
135 finances, or denying, suspending, or revoking the certification of  
136 the adult safe house.

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

139 And the title is amended as follows:

140 Delete lines 9 - 18

141 and insert:

142 requiring the Services and Resources Committee of the  
143 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to conduct a  
144 study and make certain recommendations; requiring the  
145 department to provide administrative and staff  
146 support; requiring the committee to submit certain  
147 reports by specified dates; requiring the committee to  
148 survey operators of existing adult safe houses in the  
149 state to make specified determinations; providing  
150 requirements for the information the committee must  
151 obtain and the recommendations it must develop;  
152 requiring the department to establish a process to  
153 certify adult safe houses that provide housing and  
154 care to adult survivors of human trafficking;  
155 requiring that adult safe houses be certified by the  
156 department after certification rules are adopted;



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157 requiring the department to adopt rules; providing  
158 application and renewal requirements; requiring the  
159 department to inspect adult safe houses before  
160 certification and annually thereafter; allowing adult  
161 safe houses to provide lists of advocates who are  
162 employed or who volunteer at the adult safe house who  
163 may claim a privilege under s. 90.5037, F.S.;  
164 authorizing the department to take certain  
165 disciplinary actions for noncompliance; amending s.  
166 409.1678, F.S.;