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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Garcia) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 50 - 87  
and insert:  
but not limited to, students eligible for a tuition and fee exemption under s. 1009.25(1)(c)1.-4. or (e), in residence halls and dormitory residences owned by the institution or university.  
The Office of Continuing Care established under s. 414.56 is responsible for determining whether a student is or was formerly in foster care. Each Florida College System institution and



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state university is responsible for determining whether a student is eligible for a tuition or fee exemption under s. 1009.25(1) (e).

(5) If a Florida College System institution or state university implements a priority system for the assignment of students to or the award of any of the following, the institution or university must provide students eligible for the tuition and fee exemption under s. 1009.25(1) (c)1.-4. or (e) with first priority:

(a) Institution-operated or university-operated housing.

(b) Year-round housing.

(c) Work study opportunities.

(6) Florida College System institutions and state universities may not require students to have a cosigner or guarantor to obtain housing if the student receives housing support under s. 409.1451(2) or (3) or is in care under s. 39.6251.

Section 2. Section 409.14525, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.14525 Housing support for young adults; federal housing vouchers.—The department, community-based care lead agencies, and housing authorities created under s. 421.04 shall take any action required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the federal Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative and other federal programs and vouchers offered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, which may include the department, the community-based care lead agencies, and their subcontractors doing any of the following:



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(1) Entering into a memorandum of understanding or a letter of intent with all of the housing authorities within their service areas.

(2) Providing or securing supportive services for participating youth for the duration of the FYI initiative voucher.

(3) Providing a written certification to the housing authority verifying the youth's child welfare history.

(4) Identifying youth eligible for an FYI initiative voucher within the community-based care lead agency's caseload and communicating their eligibility to the youth.

The department, community-based care lead agencies, and their subcontracted service providers that administer housing funds for young adults in the child welfare system shall document actions taken to facilitate a young adult's acquisition of a residential lease, which may include, but are not limited to, providing assurances to a landlord that funding will be provided on a monthly basis through a housing voucher. This section applies to entities that serve young adults receiving postsecondary educational services and support or aftercare services under s. 409.1451 or young adults receiving continuing care under s. 39.6251.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 18

and insert:

Independence initiative and other federal programs and



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69 vouchers; requiring the department, community-based  
70 care lead agencies, and certain subcontracted service  
71 providers to document certain actions; providing  
72 applicability; requiring the Office of