

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Intergovernmental Affairs  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Rosenwald offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Section 83.684, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
8 **read:**

9 83.684 Homes for Veterans Property Management Incentive  
10 Pilot Program.—

11 (1) This section may be cited as the "Homes for Veterans  
12 Property Management Incentive Pilot Program."

13 (2) As used in this section, the term:

14 (a) "Corporation" means the Florida Housing Finance  
15 Corporation.

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16           (b) "HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program"  
17 means a program that combines the United States Department of  
18 Housing and Urban Development's housing choice voucher rental  
19 assistance for homeless veterans with case management and  
20 clinical services provided by the United States Department of  
21 Veterans Affairs.

22           (c) "Pilot program" means the Homes for Veterans Property  
23 Management Incentive Pilot Program.

24           (d) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

25           (3) The Homes for Veterans Property Management Incentive  
26 Pilot Program is established in Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough,  
27 and Santa Rosa Counties to provide eligible landlords with  
28 incentives to lease eligible dwelling units to veterans who are  
29 participating in the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing  
30 program. Implementation of this pilot program is subject to  
31 annual legislative appropriation. The corporation, in  
32 consultation with the local public housing authority and case  
33 managers assigned to veterans by the United States Department of  
34 Veterans' Affairs, shall establish and oversee the Vacancy  
35 Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund, the applications for such  
36 trust fund, the document requirements, and all processes of the  
37 pilot program. The corporation's responsibilities under this  
38 section are limited to program administration, including  
39 rulemaking, oversight, and establishing and executing contracts  
40 with one or more local public housing authorities, contracted

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41 program administrators, or other public or nonprofit entities  
42 that have experience administering the HUD-Veterans Affairs  
43 Supportive Housing program, supportive housing, or landlord  
44 mitigation programs to perform intake, documentation review, and  
45 claim verification functions to locally administer the funds in  
46 the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund and to  
47 distribute funding to the contracted program administrator for  
48 payment of approved reimbursement requests. The corporation is  
49 not responsible for maintaining eligibility files, tenancy  
50 records, or other case-level documentation for the HUD-Veterans  
51 Affairs Supportive Housing program. Such functions must be  
52 maintained by the contracted program administrator.

53 (4) (a) A landlord who enters into a rental agreement with  
54 an eligible veteran may apply to a contracted program  
55 administrator to request funding from the Vacancy Relief and  
56 Risk Mitigation Trust Fund created under s. 420.56 for the  
57 purpose of allowing a landlord to hold a dwelling unit for a  
58 period of time, and still be compensated for the time that the  
59 dwelling unit is vacant, until the veteran is able to move into  
60 the dwelling unit. Such trust fund provides proportional rent to  
61 eligible landlords for a period of up to 45 days after the date  
62 the dwelling unit becomes available or until the actual date  
63 that the veteran moves into the dwelling unit, whichever is  
64 sooner.

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65 (b) To apply for funding under paragraph (a), a landlord  
66 must submit all required documentation to the contracted program  
67 administrator within 60 days after the veteran moves into the  
68 dwelling unit. The case manager assigned to the veteran must  
69 assist the contracted program administrator by facilitating  
70 trust fund requests from landlords and documentation compliance.  
71 The contracted program administrator must maintain all  
72 documentation required under this subsection and provide the  
73 corporation with a certification of eligibility, tenancy dates,  
74 and verified costs within the timeframe established by the  
75 corporation by rule. At a minimum, a landlord must submit  
76 documentation to the contracted program administrator in the  
77 form and manner established by the corporation. Required  
78 supporting documentation necessary to confirm eligibility for  
79 reimbursement and oversight must be maintained by the entity  
80 responsible for case management or rental assistance  
81 administration in the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing  
82 program.

83 (c) The corporation may rely on certifications,  
84 determinations, and documentation provided by public housing  
85 authorities, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,  
86 providers of Supportive Services for Veteran Families,  
87 continuums of care, or other entities responsible for  
88 administering or supporting the functions of the HUD-Veterans  
89 Affairs Supportive Housing program. The corporation's reliance

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90 on such certifications, determinations, and documentation  
91 satisfies the corporation's oversight and evaluation  
92 responsibilities of the functions, activities, and outcomes for  
93 the pilot program.

94 (5) (a) If a veteran moves out of the dwelling unit during  
95 the first 12 months of a year-to-year rental agreement or after  
96 the expiration of a rental agreement for any duration, the  
97 landlord may apply to the contracted program administrator for  
98 funding from the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund  
99 created under s. 420.56 to cover property loss at the dwelling  
100 unit caused by the veteran which extends beyond the amount of  
101 the deposit money. The landlord may apply for up to \$2,000  
102 beyond the deposit money.

103 (b) To apply for funding under paragraph (a), a landlord  
104 must submit all required documentation to the contracted program  
105 administrator within 60 days after the veteran moves out of the  
106 dwelling unit. The case manager assigned to the veteran must  
107 assist the contracted program administrator by facilitating  
108 trust fund requests from landlords and documentation compliance.  
109 The contracted program administrator must maintain all  
110 documentation required under this subsection and provide the  
111 corporation, within the timeframe established by rule, a  
112 certification of eligibility, tenancy dates, verified damage  
113 amounts, and verified costs. Required supporting documentation  
114 necessary to confirm eligibility for reimbursement and oversight

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115 must be maintained by the entity responsible for case management  
116 or rental assistance administration in the HUD-Veterans Affairs  
117 Supportive Housing program.

118 (c) After the veteran vacates the dwelling unit, the  
119 landlord must provide a copy of the move-out checklist with  
120 current photos of the dwelling unit and a copy of the written  
121 notice provided to the veteran by the landlord in accordance  
122 with s. 83.49(3) (a).

123 (d) A landlord may apply for funding under paragraph (a)  
124 only if the landlord previously applied for funding under  
125 paragraph (4) (a).

126 (6) Funding for the pilot program is limited, and the  
127 corporation shall award funds on a first-come, first-served  
128 basis. The corporation may suspend acceptance of applications  
129 when available appropriations are fully obligated. The  
130 corporation must notify contracted program administrators if  
131 intake of applications is suspended and when intake of  
132 applications is resumed.

133 (7) The corporation shall adopt rules to implement this  
134 section.

135 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026, if HB  
136 1483 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative  
137 session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
An act relating to housing for veterans; creating s.  
83.684, F.S.; providing a short title; providing  
definitions; establishing the Homes for Veterans  
Property Management Incentive Pilot Program in certain  
counties, subject to legislative appropriation;  
requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, in  
consultation with other entities and persons, to  
oversee specified aspects of the pilot program;  
providing the responsibilities of the corporation for  
the pilot program; requiring contracted program  
administrators to maintain certain functions of the  
pilot program; authorizing certain landlords to apply  
to a contracted program administrator to request  
funding from the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation  
Trust Fund under certain circumstances; providing the  
purpose of such trust fund; requiring a landlord to  
submit to the contracted program administrator  
required documentation within a specified time period  
to apply for the trust fund; requiring certain case  
managers to assist the contracted program  
administrator; requiring the contracted program  
administrator to maintain and provide certain  
documentation to the corporation; requiring the entity

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165 responsible for certain functions to maintain any  
166 supporting documentation; authorizing the corporation  
167 to rely on certifications, determinations, and  
168 documentation provided by specified entities;  
169 authorizing a landlord to apply for up to a specified  
170 dollar amount from the trust fund; providing  
171 requirements to apply for the trust fund; providing  
172 that funding for the pilot program is awarded on a  
173 first-come, first-served basis; authorizing the  
174 corporation to suspend the acceptance of applications  
175 under certain circumstances; requiring specified  
176 notice; requiring the corporation to adopt rules;  
177 providing a contingent effective date.