

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

**Committee on Children, Families,
And Elder Affairs**

CS/HB 1351 — Homeless Youth

by Civil Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Glorioso and others (CS/SB 1662 by Judiciary Committee; and Senator Latvala)

The bill provides a mechanism for a homeless minor to become a “certified homeless youth,” and, if the minor is 16 years of age or older, petition a court for removal of the disabilities of nonage. The bill also allows the minor to avoid having to prepay court costs and fees when filing the petition. Lastly, the bill allows a certified homeless youth or a minor who has had the disabilities of nonage removed through marriage or by a judicial process to obtain his or her birth certificate.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0