

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/HB 93 — Homelessness

by Healthy Families Subcommittee and Rep. Reed (CS/SB 402 by Rules Committee and Senator Joyner)

The bill allows individuals obtaining or renewing their motor vehicle registration or driver license to make a voluntary contribution of \$1 to assist the homeless. Specifically, the bill:

- Effective October 1, 2013, authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to collect a voluntary contribution of \$1 in addition to required motor vehicle registration and driver license fees. The funding will go to Department of Children and Family Services to aid the homeless;
- Exempts the Department of Children and Family Services and the State Office on Homelessness from the required \$10,000 fee paid to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to process applications for voluntary contributions associated with motor vehicle registration and driver licenses;
- Replaces the current emergency assistance program that assists homeless families with a newly-created homeless prevention grant program to provide emergency financial assistance to families facing the loss of their current home due to a financial or other crisis. The bill sets goals for the new program and requires the grant recipients to report on the program's performance; and
- Limits the amount a lead agency may spend on administrative costs under a Challenge Grant to 8 percent of the grant amount.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-1