

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/SB 260 — Unaccompanied Homeless Youths

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Latvala

The bill allows an unaccompanied certified homeless youth 16 years of age or older to consent to medical treatment for himself or herself and for his or her child under specified circumstances. Such treatment includes medical, dental, psychological, substance abuse, and surgical diagnosis and treatment. The bill will enable homeless youth to consent to treatment without the necessity of obtaining a court order.

The bill does not affect the requirements of s. 390.01114, F.S., the Parental Notice of Abortion Act.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0