

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &  
2 Seniors Subcommittee

3 Representative Altman offered the following:

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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 618-731 and insert:

Section 9. Section 420.6265, Florida Statutes, is amended  
to read:

420.6265 Rapid ReHousing.—

~~(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—~~

~~(a) The Legislature finds that Rapid ReHousing is a  
strategy of using temporary financial assistance and case  
management to quickly move an individual or family out of  
homelessness and into permanent housing.~~

~~(b) The Legislature also finds that public and private  
solutions to homelessness in the past have focused on providing~~

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17 ~~individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness with~~  
18 ~~emergency shelter, transitional housing, or a combination of~~  
19 ~~both. While emergency shelter and transitional housing programs~~  
20 ~~may provide critical access to services for individuals and~~  
21 ~~families in crisis, the programs often fail to address their~~  
22 ~~long-term needs.~~

23 ~~(c) The Legislature further finds that most households~~  
24 ~~become homeless as a result of a financial crisis that prevents~~  
25 ~~individuals and families from paying rent or a domestic conflict~~  
26 ~~that results in one member being ejected or leaving without~~  
27 ~~resources or a plan for housing.~~

28 ~~(d) The Legislature further finds that Rapid ReHousing is~~  
29 ~~an alternative approach to the current system of emergency~~  
30 ~~shelter or transitional housing which tends to reduce the length~~  
31 ~~of time a person is homeless and has proven to be cost~~  
32 ~~effective.~~

33 ~~(e) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to~~  
34 ~~encourage homeless continuums of care to adopt the Rapid~~  
35 ~~ReHousing approach to preventing homelessness for individuals~~  
36 ~~and families who do not require the intense level of supports~~  
37 ~~provided in the permanent supportive housing model.~~

38 ~~(2) RAPID REHOUSING METHODOLOGY.—~~

39 ~~(1)(a)~~ The Rapid ReHousing response to homelessness  
40 differs from traditional approaches to addressing homelessness  
41 by focusing on each individual's or family's barriers to

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42 housing. By using this approach, communities can significantly  
43 reduce the amount of time that individuals and families are  
44 homeless and prevent further episodes of homelessness.

45 ~~(2)(b)~~ In Rapid ReHousing, when an individual or a family  
46 is identified as being homeless, the individual or family is  
47 assessed and prioritized for housing through the continuum of  
48 care's coordinated entry system, temporary assistance is  
49 provided to allow the individual or family to obtain permanent  
50 housing as quickly as possible, and necessary, ~~if needed,~~  
51 assistance is provided to allow the individual or family to  
52 retain housing.

53 ~~(3)(e)~~ The objective of Rapid ReHousing is to provide  
54 assistance for as short a term as possible so that the  
55 individual or family receiving assistance attains stability and  
56 integration into the community as quickly as possible ~~does not~~  
57 ~~develop a dependency on the assistance.~~

58 Section 10. Section 420.6275, Florida Statutes, is amended  
59 to read:

60 420.6275 Housing First.—

61 ~~(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—~~

62 ~~(a) The Legislature finds that many communities plan to~~  
63 ~~manage homelessness rather than plan to end it.~~

64 ~~(b) The Legislature also finds that for most of the past~~  
65 ~~two decades, public and private solutions to homelessness have~~  
66 ~~focused on providing individuals and families who are~~

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67 ~~experiencing homelessness with emergency shelter, transitional~~  
68 ~~housing, or a combination of both. While emergency shelter~~  
69 ~~programs may provide critical access to services for individuals~~  
70 ~~and families in crisis, they often fail to address their long-~~  
71 ~~term needs.~~

72 ~~(c) The Legislature further finds that Housing First is an~~  
73 ~~alternative approach to the current system of emergency shelter~~  
74 ~~or transitional housing which tends to reduce the length of time~~  
75 ~~of homelessness and has proven to be cost-effective.~~

76 ~~(d) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to~~  
77 ~~encourage homeless continuums of care to adopt the Housing First~~  
78 ~~approach to ending homelessness for individuals and families.~~

79 ~~(2) HOUSING FIRST METHODOLOGY.~~

80 ~~(1)(a) The Housing First approach to homelessness provides~~  
81 ~~permanent differs from traditional approaches by providing~~  
82 ~~housing assistance, followed by case management, and support~~  
83 ~~services responsive to individual or family needs once after~~  
84 ~~housing is obtained. By using this approach ~~when appropriate~~,~~  
85 ~~communities can significantly reduce the amount of time that~~  
86 ~~individuals and families are homeless and prevent further~~  
87 ~~episodes of homelessness. Housing First emphasizes that social~~  
88 ~~services provided to enhance individual and family well-being~~  
89 ~~can be more effective when people are in their own home, and:~~

90 ~~(a)1. The housing is not time-limited.~~

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91 (b)2. The housing is not contingent on compliance with  
92 services. Instead, participants must comply with a standard  
93 lease agreement.

94 (c) Individuals and families ~~and~~ are provided with  
95 individualized the services and support ~~that are~~ necessary to  
96 help them maintain stable housing ~~do so successfully~~.

97 ~~3. A background check and any rehabilitation necessary to~~  
98 ~~combat an addiction related to alcoholism or substance abuse has~~  
99 ~~been completed by the individual for whom assistance or support~~  
100 ~~services are provided.~~

101 (2)(b) The Housing First approach addresses the societal  
102 causes of homelessness and advocates for the immediate return of  
103 individuals and families into housing and communities. Housing  
104 First links affordable housing with community-based social  
105 service and health care organizations ~~Housing First provides a~~  
106 ~~critical link between the emergency and transitional housing~~  
107 ~~system and community-based social service, educational, and~~  
108 ~~health care organizations~~ and consists of four components:

109 (a)1. Crisis intervention and short-term stabilization.

110 (b)2. Screening, intake, and needs assessment.

111 (c)3. Provision of housing resources.

112 (d)4. Provision of case management.

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115 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

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116 Remove lines 105-108 and insert:  
117 the Rapid ReHousing methodology; amending s. 420.6275,  
118 F.S.; revising the Housing First