

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee  
 2 Representative Hinson offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the term "asylum  
 7 seeker" means an individual who has documentation from the  
 8 United States Government indicating that the United States  
 9 Government processed and released him or her into the United  
 10 States without admitting the individual in accordance with the  
 11 federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. ss. 1101 et  
 12 seq. The term must be interpreted consistently with any  
 13 applicable federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

14 (2) The Legislature finds that the Federal Government has  
 15 failed to secure the nation's borders and has allowed a surge of  
 16 asylum seekers to enter the United States. In January 2023, the

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17 Governor issued Executive Order 23-03, directing state law  
18 enforcement agencies and other state agencies to take necessary  
19 actions to protect Floridians from the impacts of the border  
20 crisis. Without such action, detrimental effects may be  
21 experienced in Florida, including increased crime, diminished  
22 economic opportunities and wages for American workers, and  
23 burdens on the education and health care systems. The  
24 Legislature finds that the Federal Government has proven itself  
25 unwilling to address this crisis.

26 (3) To mitigate the effects of this crisis on the State of  
27 Florida, the Asylum Seeker Transport Program is created within  
28 the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office  
29 of the Governor for the purpose of facilitating the transport of  
30 asylum seekers within the United States, consistent with federal  
31 law. Notwithstanding s. 287.057, Florida Statutes, the division  
32 is authorized to contract for services to implement the program.

33 (4) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.

34 (5) No asylum seeker may be detained pursuant to the  
35 program and any transport must be voluntary on the part of an  
36 asylum seeker.

37 (6) The division may not make monetary or employment  
38 promises to an asylum seeker to induce his or her participation  
39 in the program.

40 (7) The division must provide accurate information to an  
41 asylum seeker regarding the transport destination and must

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42 ensure the safety of the location to which an asylum seeker is  
43 being transported.

44 (8) This section expires June 30, 2025.

45 Section 2. Section 185 of chapter 2022-156, Laws of  
46 Florida, is repealed. All payments made pursuant to that section  
47 are deemed approved. Any unexpended balance of funds  
48 appropriated to the Department of Transportation under that  
49 section shall immediately revert. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,  
50 the nonrecurring sum of \$10 million from the General Revenue  
51 Fund is appropriated to the Division of Emergency Management  
52 within the Executive Office of the Governor for the Asylum  
53 Seeker Transport Program created by this act.

54 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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

58 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
59 An act relating to transportation of asylum seekers; defining  
60 the term "asylum seekers"; providing legislative findings;  
61 creating the Asylum Seeker Transport Program within the Division  
62 of Emergency Management to facilitate the transport of asylum  
63 seekers within the United States; authorizing the division to  
64 contract for services to implement the program; authorizing the  
65 division to adopt rules to implement the program; prohibiting  
66 detainment and requiring voluntary participation in the program;

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67 | prohibiting the division from making monetary or employment  
68 | promises; requiring the division to accurately inform asylum  
69 | seekers of the transport destination and ensure the safety of  
70 | the destination; providing for future expiration; repealing s.  
71 | 185 of chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida; deeming certain  
72 | payments approved; reverting appropriated funds; providing an  
73 | appropriation; providing an effective date.