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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Garrison offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Section 125.0231, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.0231 Unauthorized public camping and public sleeping.—
(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Public camping" means lodging or residing overnight in a temporary outdoor habitation used as a dwelling or living space and evidenced by the erection of a tent or other temporary shelter, the presence of bedding or pillows, or the storage of personal belongings. The term does not include lodging or residing overnight in a motor vehicle that is registered, insured, and located in a place where it may lawfully be.

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- (2) Except as provided subsection (3), a county may not authorize or otherwise permit any person to regularly engage in public camping or public sleeping on any public property, public building, or public right-of-way under the county's jurisdiction, unless such person has been lawfully issued a temporary permit authorizing such activity by the county.
- (3) (a) A county may, in its discretion, designate property owned by the county to be used for a continuous period of no longer than one year for the purposes of public camping or public sleeping. A property designated for such purposes may not be located in an area where such designation would adversely and materially affect the property value or safety and security of other existing residential or commercial property.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (e), if a county designates county property to be used for public camping or public sleeping, it must establish and maintain minimum standards and procedures related to the designated property for the purposes of:
- 1. Ensuring the safety and security of the designated property and the persons lodging or residing on such property.
- 2. Maintaining sanitation, which must include providing access to clean and operable restrooms and running water.

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- 3. Coordinating with the local continuum of care to provide access to behavioral health services, which must include substance abuse and mental health treatment resources.
- 4. Prohibiting illegal drug use and alcohol use on the designated property and enforcing such prohibition.
- (c) Within 30 days of designating county property as authorized in paragraph (3)(a), the county must:
- 1. Provide notice to the Department of Children and
 Families that property has been designated for such purposes and
 provide the location of such property.
- 2. Post the minimum standards and procedures required under paragraph (3)(b) to the county's publicly accessible website. Such policies and procedures must continue to be publicly available as long as any county property remains designated for the purposes authorized in (3)(a).
- (d) Within 90 days following the designation of county property as authorized in paragraph (3)(a), and at least once more after 180 days if the property remains so designated, the Department of Children and Families shall inspect the property and issue a report to the county which may include recommendations to assist the county in maintaining the minimum standards and procedures required under paragraph (3)(b). A county must post any inspection report issued pursuant to this paragraph to the county's publicly accessible website within 5 business days of receiving the report.

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(e) A fiscally constrained county is exempt from the	
requirement to establish and maintain minimum standards and	
procedures under subparagraphs (3)(b)13. if the governing	
board of the county makes a finding that compliance with such	า
requirements would result in a financial hardship.	

- (4) (a) A resident of the county or an owner of a business located in the county may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the county to enjoin a violation of subsection (2). If the resident or business owner prevails in a civil action, the court may award reasonable expenses incurred in bringing the civil action, including court costs, reasonable attorney fees, investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs.
- (b) An application for injunction filed pursuant to this subsection must be accompanied by an affidavit attesting that:
- 1. The applicant has provided written notice of the alleged violation of subsection (2) to the governing board of the county.
- 2. The applicant has provided the county with 5 business days to cure the alleged violation.
- 3. The county has failed has to cure the alleged violation within 5 business days of receiving written notice of the alleged violation.
- (5) This section does not apply to a county during any time period in which:

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91	(a) The Governor has declared a state of emergency in the
92	county or another county immediately adjacent to the county.
93	(b) A state of emergency has been declared in the county
94	under chapter 870.
95	Section 2. Section 166.0453, Florida Statutes, is
96	created to read:
97	166.0453 Unauthorized public camping and public sleeping.—
98	(1) As used in this section, the term:
99	(a) "Public camping" means lodging or residing overnight
100	in a temporary outdoor habitation used as a dwelling or living
101	space and evidenced by the erection of a tent or other temporary
102	shelter, the presence of bedding or pillows, or the storage of
103	personal belongings. The term does not include lodging or
104	residing overnight in a motor vehicle that is registered,
105	insured, and located in a place where it may lawfully be.
106	(b) "Public sleeping" means lodging or residing overnight
107	in an outdoor space without a tent or other temporary shelter.
108	(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a municipality
109	may not authorize or otherwise permit any person to regularly
110	engage in public camping or public sleeping on any public
111	property, public building, or public right-of-way under the
112	municipality's jurisdiction, unless such person has been
113	lawfully issued a temporary permit authorizing such activity by
114	the municipality.

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(3)(a) A municipality may, in its discretion, designate
property owned by the municipality to be used for a continuous
period of no longer than one year for the purposes of public
camping or public sleeping. A property designated for such
purposes may not be located in an area where such designation
would adversely and materially affect the property value or
safety and security of other existing residential or commercial
property.

- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (e), if a municipality designates municipal property to be used for public camping or public sleeping, it must establish and maintain minimum standards and procedures related to the designated property for the purposes of:
- 1. Ensuring the safety and security of the designated property and the persons lodging or residing on such property.
- 2. Maintaining sanitation, which must include providing access to clean and operable restrooms and running water.
- 3. Coordinating with the local continuum of care to provide access to behavioral health services, which must include substance abuse and mental health treatment resources.
- 4. Prohibiting illegal drug use and alcohol use on the designated property and enforcing such prohibition.
- (c) Within 30 days of designating municipal property as authorized in paragraph (3)(a), the municipality must:

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- 2. Post the minimum standards and procedures required under paragraph (3)(b) to the municipality's publicly accessible website. Such policies and procedures must continue to be publicly available as long as any municipal property remains designated for the purposes authorized in (3)(a).
- (d) Within 90 days following the designation of municipal property as authorized in paragraph (3)(a), and at least once more after 180 days if the property remains so designated, the Department of Children and Families shall inspect the property and issue a report to the municipality which may include recommendations to assist the municipality in maintaining the minimum standards and procedures required under paragraph (3)(b). A municipality must post any inspection report issued pursuant to this paragraph to the municipality's publicly accessible website within 5 business days of receiving the report.
- (e) A municipality located within a fiscally constrained county is exempt from the requirement to establish and maintain minimum standards and procedures under subparagraphs (3) (b)1.-3. if the governing board of the municipality makes a finding that compliance with such requirements would result in a financial hardship.

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(4)(a) A resident of the municipality or an owner of a
business located in the municipality may bring a civil action in
any court of competent jurisdiction against the municipality to
enjoin a violation of subsection (2). If the resident or
business owner prevails in the civil action, the court may award
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- 3. The municipality has failed has to cure the alleged violation within 5 business days of receiving written notice of the alleged violation.
- (5) This section does not apply to a municipality during any time period in which:
- (a) The Governor has declared a state of emergency in the county in which the municipality is located or another county immediately adjacent to the county in which the municipality is located.

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Section 3. <u>The Legislature hereby determines and declares</u> that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: An act relating to unauthorized public camping and public sleeping; creating ss. 125.0231 and 166.0453, F.S.; defining the terms "public camping" and "public sleeping"; prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from authorizing or otherwise permitting public sleeping or public camping on public property without a specified permit; authorizing counties and municipalities to designate certain public property for such uses for a specified time period; requiring counties and municipalities to establish specified standards and procedures relating to such property; requiring the Department of Children and Families to conduct inspections of such property at specified intervals and to produce a report; providing applicability; providing an exception to applicability

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