

Committee Substitute for
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2254

An act relating to supportive housing; directing the Secretary of Children and Family Services to establish a workgroup to review issues associated with services and supports provided through state-funded supportive housing; providing for membership and staff of the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to prepare recommendations; requiring inclusion of recommendations in the state plan; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Secretary of Children and Family Services shall establish a workgroup for the purposes of reviewing issues associated with services and supports provided through state-funded supportive housing and developing legislative recommendations for state-funded supportive housing living arrangements. The workgroup shall address development of administrative rules regarding:

- (1) The definition of supportive housing services;
- (2) Consumer health and safety; and
- (3) The use of subsidies funded by the Department of Children and Family Services.

The Secretary of Children and Family Services shall ensure that representatives participate in the workgroup from the department and from the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Florida Health Care Association, the Florida Assisted Living Affiliation, the Florida Association of Homes for the Aging, the Florida Council for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Florida Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc., the Florida Coalitions for the Homeless, the Florida Housing Coalition, Florida AIDS Action, the Florida Hospital Association, the Florida Long-Term Care Ombudsman, the Florida Statewide Advocacy Council, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Psychiatric Society, the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association, and the Florida Association of Counties. The workgroup shall be staffed by the Department of Children and Family Services. Each member of the workgroup shall serve at his or her own expense. The workgroup shall prepare recommendations no later than November 2002, and shall include recommendations in the January 2003 update to the mental health and substance abuse state master plan.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 13, 2002.

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