

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Storms moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 117 - 208

and insert:

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420.621 Definitions; ss. 420.621-420.627.—As used in ss. 420.621-420.628 420.621-420.627, the term following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Continuum of care" means the community components needed to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency. It includes action steps

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to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.

- (2) "Council on Homelessness" means the council created in s. 420.622.
- (1) "AFDC" means Aid to Families with Dependent Children as administered under chapter 409.
- (3) "Department" means the Department of Children and Family Services.
- (4) "District" means a service district of the department of Children and Family Services, as set forth in s. 20.19.
- (5) (4) "Homeless," applied to an individual, or "individual experiencing homelessness" means "Homeless" refers to an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes or an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
- (a) Is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- (b) Is living in a motel, hotel, travel trailer park, or camping ground due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- (c) Is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill;
- (b) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
- (d) (c) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a



regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;

- (e) Is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, bus or train station, or similar setting; or
- (f) Is a migratory individual who qualifies as homeless because he or she is living in circumstances described in paragraphs (a) - (e).

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The terms do term does not refer to an any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to state or federal law or to individuals or families who are sharing housing due to cultural preferences, voluntary arrangements, or traditional networks of support. The terms include an individual who has been released from jail, prison, the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, a mental health and developmental disability facility, a residential addiction treatment program, or a hospital, for whom no subsequent residence has been identified, and who lacks the resources and support network to obtain housing.

 $(6)\frac{(5)}{(5)}$ "Local coalition for the homeless" means a coalition established pursuant to s. 420.623.

(7) (6) "New and temporary homeless" means those individuals or families who are homeless due to societal external factors, such as unemployment or other loss of income, personal or family-life crises, or the shortage of low-income housing. (8) (7) "State Office on Homelessness" means the state office created in s. 420.622 "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.