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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to residential treatment center requirements; amending s. 409.1678 eliminating certain requirements for residential treatment centers; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 409.1678, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.1678 Specialized residential options for children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.—

- (3) SERVICES WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER OR HOSPITAL.—Residential treatment centers licensed under s. 394.875, and hospitals licensed under chapter 395 that provide residential mental health treatment, shall provide specialized treatment for commercially sexually exploited children in the custody of the department who are placed in these facilities pursuant to s. 39.407(6), s. 394.4625, or s. 394.467.
- (a) The specialized treatment must meet the requirements of subparagraphs (2)(c)1., 3., and 3.6.-7., paragraph (2)(d), and the department's treatment standards adopted pursuant to this section. However, a residential treatment center or hospital may prioritize the delivery of certain services among those required under paragraph (2)(d) to meet the specific

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treatment needs of the child.

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(b) The facilities shall ensure that children are served in single-sex groups and that staff working with such children are adequately trained in the effects of trauma and sexual exploitation, the needs of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and how to address those needs using strength-based and trauma-informed approaches.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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