

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WITHDRAWN	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: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee
3 Representative Melo offered the following:

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Remove lines 61-91 and insert:

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7 4. "Therapeutic group home" means a 24-hour residential
8 program providing community-based mental health treatment and
9 mental health support services to children who meet the criteria
10 in s. 394.492(5) or (6) in a nonsecure, homelike setting.

11 (b) Whenever the department believes that a child in its
12 legal custody is emotionally disturbed and may need residential
13 treatment, an examination and suitability assessment must be
14 conducted by a qualified evaluator ~~who is~~ appointed by the
15 ~~department Agency for Health Care Administration.~~ This
16 suitability assessment must be completed before the placement of

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17 | the child in a residential treatment program ~~center for~~
18 | ~~emotionally disturbed children and adolescents or a hospital.~~

19 | 1. The qualified evaluator for placement in a residential
20 | treatment center or a hospital must be a psychiatrist or a
21 | psychologist licensed in this state ~~Florida~~ who has at least 3
22 | years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of serious
23 | emotional disturbances in children and adolescents and who has
24 | no actual or perceived conflict of interest with any inpatient
25 | facility or residential treatment center or program.

26 | 2. The qualified evaluator for placement in a therapeutic
27 | group home must be a psychiatrist licensed under chapter 458 or
28 | 459, a psychologist licensed under chapter 490, or a mental
29 | health counselor licensed under chapter 491 who has at least 2
30 | years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of serious
31 | emotional or behavioral disturbance in children and adolescents
32 | and who has no actual or perceived conflict of interest with any
33 | residential treatment center or program.

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