

# HOMELESS YOUTH CONSENT TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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## Establishes a pathway for unaccompanied homeless minors to consent to housing and services with a DCFS-licensed youth transitional housing program\* when parental consent cannot be obtained

This legislation provides housing opportunities for unaccompanied homeless minors who are **16 or 17 years old**, living separately and apart from their parent or guardian, without fixed, regular, or adequate housing.

### The legislation would permit the eligible youth to consent to licensed transitional housing if:

- ✓ They have attempted family reunification services with Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services (CCBYS)
- ✓ The CCBYS provider determines that family reunification is not possible
- ✓ DCFS has not opened an abuse or neglect case
- ✓ The minor desires to participate in the housing program
- ✓ A DCFS-licensed youth transitional housing provider:
  - ➔ evaluates the minor
  - ➔ deems the minor eligible for the program
  - ➔ and the provider is able to provide services and housing to the minor
- ✓ Reasonable efforts are made to notify the parents or guardians

### This legislation provides the opportunity for homeless minors to access:

- ➔ Housing
- ➔ Social services
- ➔ Counseling
- ➔ Life skills training
- ➔ And much needed stability

\* DCFS-licensed transitional housing programs provide housing to homeless persons along with meals and supportive services.



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