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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 21, 2022

Subject: HB 4013 – Relating to youth homelessness
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4013 builds on recent legislative efforts to address the needs of homeless youth. During the 2021 regular session, for example, the Legislature enacted HB 2544 to provide unaccompanied homeless youth greater access to shelter facilities, culturally specific services, and mental health and substance abuse services. HB 4013 includes the following key provisions:

- Makes new entities eligible to receive Unaccompanied Homeless Youth grants. Current law limits eligibility for these grants to organizations with an existing grant from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide services to unaccompanied youth.
- Makes current and former homeless youth eligible for college tuition and fee waivers. The tuition and fee waivers are currently available only to current or former foster children.
- Expands access to independent residence facilities to people between the ages of 16 and 24 who have experienced homelessness.

HB 4013 appropriates a total of \$1.2 million General Fund to DHS to implement the measure. Of this amount, \$68,178 would support one permanent, part-time Administrative Specialist 2 position in the Self-sufficiency program to assist with program support and payment processing.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Human Services on 2/1/2022 and 2/8/22 and was reported out with a do pass as amended.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4013 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____