



## Florida Supportive Housing Coalition

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### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS LEGISLATION

**House Bill 1009 – Rep. Roberson**



**Senate Bill 2314 – Sen. Wise**

The proposed budget neutral legislation is intended to increase the affordable housing options of individuals and families at risk of homelessness. Among the persons that will be served are:

- Persons with disabilities
- Veterans with disabilities
- Youth aging out of foster care
- Survivors of domestic violence

Specifically, the legislation:

1. Establishes a statutory definition of person with special needs and disabling condition, as relates to affordable housing. The definition encompasses:
  - a. persons with disabilities,
  - b. youth aging out of foster care,
  - c. survivors of domestic violence; and
  - d. other extremely low-income households requiring temporary or long-term supports to maintain their housing and/or develop independent living skills.
2. Creates a statutory set-aside within the State Apartment Incentive Loan program for the creation of housing for special needs households.
3. Requires that rental housing projects funded with State Apartment Incentive Loan program, Low Income Housing Tax Credits and state administered HOME funds provide at least 20% of the units affordable to extremely low income households and that 50% of the extremely low income units be reserved for households with special needs
4. Requires that, should the Trust Funds exceed the current cap, an amount equal to 10% above the cap will be used to fund housing for special needs households. The funds can provide a tenant based rent assistance program or to require developers to lower rents by providing additional capital or operating subsidies.

This legislation does not require any additional appropriations, it merely requires affordable housing funds be utilized to serve specific vulnerable households