

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 741

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

HOUSING: Provides relative to housing for victims of human trafficking

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 40:600.161, relative to housing for victims of human trafficking; to provide
4 for definitions; to provide for preference for housing vouchers; to provide for
5 verification; to provide for privacy for certain addresses; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 40:600.161, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 3-I. HOUSING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

11 §600.161. Housing vouchers; human trafficking survivors

12 A. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the following
13 meanings:

14 (1) "Local housing authority" means any parish or municipal housing
15 authority.

16 (2) "Voucher" means vouchers meant to assist with obtaining housing for
17 individuals who meet certain requirements which includes but are not limited to
18 vouchers given pursuant to United States Department of Housing and Urban
19 Development's Section 8 Housing.

20 B. Local housing authorities shall give preference for vouchers to human
21 trafficking survivors.

1 C. A local housing authority shall verify that the person applying for the
2 vouchers complies with all of the following:

3 (1) Meets all standards and requirements outlined in the respective voucher
4 program.

5 (2) Is a human trafficking survivor as verified by one of the following
6 options:

7 (a) A healthcare professional.

8 (b) A law enforcement report.

9 (c) A protective order.

10 (d) A government agency.

11 (e) An attorney.

12 D. Any address attached to a voucher given pursuant to this Section shall not
13 be publicly available.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to housing for victims of human trafficking.

Proposed law provides for housing vouchers for human trafficking survivors.

Proposed law defines "local housing authority" and "voucher".

Proposed law provides that local housing authorities shall give preference for vouchers to human trafficking survivors

Proposed law provides that a local housing authority shall verify that the person applying for the vouchers complies with all of the following:

(1) Meets all standards and requirements outlined in the respective voucher program.

(2) Is a human trafficking survivor as verified by certain sources.

Proposed law provides that any address attached to a voucher given pursuant to this Section shall not be publicly available.

(Adds R.S. 40:600.161)