

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB605-H2

Patron: Willett

Bill Title: Nursing home staffing; minimum staffing standards; enforcement of administrative sanctions.

Bill Summary: Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to evaluate the workforce in Virginia's nursing facilities. The Commission is required to report its findings recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committees on Health and Human Services and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: The bill, as substituted, has a minimal fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill, as substituted, requires the Joint Commission on Health Care to evaluate the workforce in Virginia's nursing facilities and review and develop recommendations on the efficacy of utilizing a measure of registered nurse coverage as an additional component of the minimum staffing requirement. The Commission is required to report its findings recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committees on Health and Human Services and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2026.

The Joint Commission on Health Care can absorb the impact of this bill within current resources.

Other: -