

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB429H1

Patron: Head

Bill Title: Health, Department of; and State Health Commissioner; nursing home oversight and accountability.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Health and State Health Commissioner to take steps to improve care quality, protect residents, and strengthen oversight and accountability of nursing homes in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Department to enhance recruitment efforts and expand workforce capacity in the Office of Licensure and Certification, accelerate training and onboarding initiatives, and explore measures to reduce administrative burdens. The bill requires the Commissioner to submit an annual report with recommendations for continuing improvement of nursing home quality and oversight.

As amended in the nature of a substitute, the bill requires VDH to establish a dedicated training manager to lead the development and implementation of comprehensive staff training initiatives at the Office of Licensure and Certification and create an onboarding plan to support future recruitment and retention.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: Minimal fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact on state resources as it would codify existing practices within the Office of Licensure and Certification. The Virginia Department of Health maintains that the dedicated training manager identified in the legislation has been filled. Additionally, the recruitment dashboard has been developed and implemented. Any additional workload to submit a report or coordinate with relevant stakeholders can be handled within existing resources. Furthermore, VDH has stated that they currently have a filled position that would serve as the dedicated training manager.

Other: None