

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB1357 ER

**Patron:** McQuinn

**Bill Title:** Nursing facilities; comprehensive study of quality of care, etc., and operational practices.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the quality of care, resident safety, and operational practices of nursing facilities in the Commonwealth. The bill further directs the Joint Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** n/a

**Fiscal Summary:** Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This bill requires the Joint Commission on Health Care (the Joint Commission) to conduct a comprehensive study of the quality of care, resident safety, and operational practices of nursing facilities in the Commonwealth. Broadly, the bill requires the study to evaluate quality and safety outcomes and trends, staffing levels and stability, complaint, survey, and enforcement systems, resident rights and protections, care coordination and transitions, ownership and operational models, financial and payment policy (including Medicaid reimbursement structure), emergency preparedness, data transparency standards, and disparities in quality and access to care throughout the state. The bill requires the Joint Commission to report the study's findings and recommendations to the Governor and select committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027. The Joint Commission anticipates that they will be able to address any cost or workload impacts that may arise from conducting the study or generating the report using existing resources.

**Other:** The House provided funding for a previous version of this bill in its amendments to the introduced budget (Item 324 #1h).