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Substitute House Bill No. 7157

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS, P. of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STAFF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS AND PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-562a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall annually
4 provide Alzheimer's and dementia specific training to all licensed and
5 registered direct care staff who provide direct patient care to residents
6 enrolled in Alzheimer's special care units or programs. Such
7 requirements shall include, but not limited to, (1) not less than eight
8 hours of dementia-specific training, which shall be completed not later
9 than six months after the date of employment and not less than three
10 hours of such training annually thereafter, and (2) annual training of
11 not less than two hours in pain recognition and administration of pain
12 management techniques for direct care staff.

13 (b) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall annually

14 provide a minimum of one hour of Alzheimer's and dementia specific
15 training to all unlicensed and unregistered staff who provide services
16 and care to residents enrolled in Alzheimer's special care units or
17 programs. For such staff hired on or after October 1, 2007, such
18 training shall be completed not later than six months after the date of
19 employment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	19a-562a

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires Alzheimer's special care units or programs to provide annual training for certain staff. No fiscal impact is associated with this requirement.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7157*****AN ACT CONCERNING STAFF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS AND PROGRAMS.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires Alzheimer's special care units or programs annually to provide at least one hour of Alzheimer's and dementia-specific training to all unlicensed and unregistered staff providing care and services to residents in these programs or units. For staff hired on or after October 1, 2007, the training must be completed within six months of the date of employment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

BACKGROUND***Training for Licensed and Registered Direct Care Staff***

Existing law requires each Alzheimer's special care unit or program annually to provide Alzheimer's and dementia-specific training to all licensed and registered direct care staff who provide direct patient care to residents in these units or programs. At a minimum, this must include (1) at least eight hours of dementia-specific training, completed within six months after beginning employment, followed by at least three hours of such training annually and (2) at least two hours per year of training in pain recognition and administration of pain management techniques for direct care staff.

Alzheimer's Special Care Unit or Program

An "Alzheimer's special care unit or program" is any nursing home, residential care home, assisted living facility, adult congregate living facility, adult day care center, hospice, or adult foster home that locks, secures, segregates, or provides a special program or unit for residents with a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar

disorder. The unit or program must be one that prevents or limits a resident's access outside the designated or separated area and advertises or markets itself as providing specialized care or services for those with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/09/2007)