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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist. and SEN. SOMERS of the 18th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-227 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
5 the provisions of chapter 54, to [~~insure~~] ensure the comfort, safety,
6 adequate medical care and treatment of such persons at the residential
7 facilities described in subsection (a) of this section. Such regulations
8 shall include requirements that: (1) All residential facility staff be
9 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a manner and time frame
10 prescribed by the commissioner; (2) records of staffing schedules and
11 actual staff hours worked, by residential facility, be available for
12 inspection by the department upon advance notice; (3) each residential

13 facility develop and implement emergency plans and staff training to
 14 address emergencies that may pose a threat to the health and safety of
 15 the residents of the facility; (4) department staff verify during quality
 16 service reviews and licensing inspections, that (A) staff is adequately
 17 trained to respond in an emergency, and (B) a summary of information
 18 on each resident is available to emergency medical personnel for use in
 19 an emergency; (5) all residential facilities serving persons with Down
 20 syndrome fifty years of age or older have at least one staff member
 21 trained in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care; and
 22 (6) [not less than one-half of the quality service reviews, licensing
 23 inspections or facility visits conducted by the department after initial
 24 licensure are unannounced] for community living arrangements, the
 25 commissioner shall determine a minimum number of licensure-related
 26 visits that are unannounced.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	17a-227(b)

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which clarifies the requirements regarding unannounced visits by the Department of Developmental Services' Quality and Systems Improvement Division staff related to licensure of DDS Community Living Arrangements, or group homes, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 168*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner to establish a minimum number of unannounced licensure-related visits for community living arrangements (i.e., group homes), and eliminates the requirement that at least half of a broader range of DDS facility visits be unannounced.

The current requirement applies to DDS quality service reviews, licensing inspections, and other facility visits to community living arrangements and community companion homes.

As with the current requirement, the bill requires the commissioner to adopt regulations setting the minimum number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/09/2018)