



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5986

LCO No. 1980



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENT CARE PLANS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require that resident care
2 plans in long-term care facilities address isolation, risk for depression
3 and ability to interact with loved ones, including, but not limited to, how
4 residents' social and emotional needs are being met and measures to
5 ensure that residents have regular opportunities for virtual and in-
6 person visitation; (2) establish a process by which residents or their
7 families may seek redress when long-term care facilities do not abide by
8 visitation guidelines; (3) establish timelines and milestones to ensure the
9 safe and prompt reinstatement of visitation following the COVID-19
10 pandemic and a monitoring program for such process; (4) require long-
11 term care facilities to report their visitation protocols, visitation policy
12 changes and other relevant information in a manner that is easily
13 accessible to residents and their family members; and (5) establish a
14 process by which residents and their families can find assistance and
15 hold facilities accountable when they believe they have been

16 inappropriately denied visitation.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that residents in long-term care facilities have access to their loved ones, that their mental health needs are met and to establish guidelines and reporting protocols for long-term care facilities' visitation policies.