



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 492**

LCO No. 2388



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
SEN. OSTEN, 19<sup>th</sup> Dist.

***AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS IN DEVELOPMENT OF STATE-WIDE POLICIES CONCERNING VISITATION, USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND FAMILY ACCESS AT 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 require (1) that residents,  
2 family members, and other responsible persons are given the  
3 opportunity for input on the living environment of residents of long-  
4 term care communities and any changes that would impact the rights or  
5 status of such residents in such communities, (2) the development of  
6 state-wide visitation guidelines for long-term care facilities that are not  
7 subject to facility interpretation and ensure that, even in the event of an  
8 infectious disease outbreak, all such residents are able to elect both a  
9 primary and secondary support individual who is able to visit safely by  
10 adhering to guidelines designed to protect residents, staff and visitors  
11 from infectious disease, (3) visitation protocols that are person-centered  
12 and respectful of the wishes of residents or their representatives, and (4)

13 that development of policies regarding visitation, use of technology,  
14 family access and other changes in regulatory frameworks for such  
15 communities be available for public review and input prior to  
16 implementation.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect the rights of residents of long-term care communities by implementing the recommendations of the Nursing Home and Assisted Living Oversight Working Group.