



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 973

LCO No. 4285



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS AND FAMILY COUNCILS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "residents council" means a council elected and run by
3 residents of a long-term care facility that brings concerns to
4 management of such facility about residents' living conditions and care,
5 (2) "family council" means a council comprised of family members of
6 residents of long-term care facilities that brings concerns to
7 management of such facility about residents' living conditions and care,
8 and (3) "long-term care facility" means a nursing home facility as
9 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes or a managed
10 residential community as defined in section 19a-693 of the general
11 statutes.

12 (b) Not later than seven days after introduction of any state-wide
13 policy, legislative proposal or regulation concerning living and care
14 conditions at long-term care facilities any state agency or legislative
15 committee having cognizance of matters concerning such policy,

16 proposal or regulation shall seek written input or testimony from
17 residents councils and family councils concerning such policy, proposal
18 or regulation. Such agency or legislative committee of cognizance shall
19 seek input or testimony in a manner and format that provides for the
20 greatest participation among members of residents and family councils,
21 including, but not limited to, when practicable, remote participation by
22 such members via technology with audio or video capabilities.

23 (c) Any state-wide task force studying issues concerning living or
24 care conditions at long-term care facilities shall include among members
25 representatives of residents councils and family councils. The
26 chairpersons of such task force shall schedule meetings in a manner and
27 format that provides for the greatest participation among members of
28 residents councils and family councils, including, but not limited to,
29 when practicable, remote participation by such members via technology
30 with audio or video capabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require input from residents councils and family councils at long-term care facilities on any state-wide policies affecting living conditions for residents of such facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]