



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 973

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**"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS AND
FAMILY COUNCILS."**

1 Strike subsection (b) of section 1 in its entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) Not later than seven days after introduction of any state-wide
4 policy, legislative proposal or regulation concerning living and care
5 conditions at long-term care facilities by any state agency or legislative
6 committee having cognizance of matters concerning such policy,
7 proposal or regulation, such agency or legislative committee shall
8 inform (1) the State Ombudsman, appointed pursuant to section 17a-405
9 of the general statutes, (2) the executive director of the Commission on
10 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, established
11 pursuant to section 2-127 of the general statutes, and (3) if the joint
12 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
13 matters relating to aging is not the legislative committee introducing
14 such policy, proposal or regulation, the joint standing committee of the
15 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging. The

16 State Ombudsman and the executive director of the Commission on
17 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall seek
18 testimony from the Statewide Coalition of Presidents of Residents
19 Councils and family councils concerning such policy, proposal or
20 regulation. Such agency or legislative committee of cognizance
21 introducing such policy, proposal or regulation shall accept such
22 testimony in a manner and format that provides for the greatest input
23 from members of residents and family councils, including, but not
24 limited to, when practicable, remote testimony by such members via
25 technology with audio or video capabilities."