



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 372

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson 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 GREEN INITIATIVES IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of
2 Developmental Services shall encourage each operator of a residential
3 facility, licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of the general statutes, to
4 adopt standards and practices that promote energy efficiency and
5 incorporate environmentally friendly construction materials and
6 techniques in the construction of any new residential facility.

7 (b) Any residential facility licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of the
8 general statutes may participate in any energy assessment program
9 available under section 16-245m of the general statutes. The owner or
10 operator of a residential facility participating in such energy assessment
11 program, or such owner or operator's designee, shall provide a copy of
12 any energy assessment report received by such facility to the
13 Department of Developmental Services.

14 (c) Not later than July 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Developmental
15 Services shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
16 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health on (1)
18 the findings of the energy assessments performed on licensed
19 residential facilities pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2)
20 recommendations for energy efficiency improvement in facilities
21 licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 of the general statutes.

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

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows and encourages the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) licensed residential facility owners to participate in energy assessment programs. This is not anticipated to result in a cost to the state or municipalities.

The bill also requires DDS to report to the Public Health Committee on the findings and recommendations of the assessments. These provisions do not have a fiscal impact as DDS has the expertise to report on the assessments.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 372*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GREEN INITIATIVES IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to encourage DDS-licensed residential facility owners (i.e., community living arrangements or community companion homes) to adopt standards and practices when building new residential facilities that (1) promote energy efficiency and (2) include environmentally friendly construction materials and techniques.

The bill also permits any DDS-licensed residential facility to participate in energy use assessment programs under the state's Conservation and Load Management Plan. And it requires the facility's owner or operator, or his or her designee, to give DDS a copy of any energy assessment report it receives.

Lastly, the bill requires the DDS commissioner, by July 1, 2023, to report to the Public Health Committee on the (1) findings of the energy assessments done on these facilities and (2) their recommended energy efficiency improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/16/2022)