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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5311**

***AN ACT ENCOURAGING SOCIALIZATION FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR VISITS WITH FAMILY.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows nursing homes to provide nonemergency transportation to nonambulatory residents to their family members' homes if:

1. a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse approves it at least five business days in advance;
2. the nursing home has available vehicles equipped to transport the residents; and
3. the family members live within 15 miles from the nursing home.

It also requires the social services commissioner, within available appropriations, to establish a grant program to fund this transportation. The commissioner must also establish forms and procedures to apply for a grant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)