

## HB 3270 A -9 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Human Services

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer a pilot program of adult foster homes (AFHs) licensed to care for older adults and people with disabilities to provide care to seven adults. Directs DHS to adopt rules for participating AFHs regarding room sharing and physical inspection of participating AFHs. Requires DHS to review compliance with regulations, history of complaints, and input from the local regulatory authority. Directs DHS to provide the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) with a list of participating AFHs, with LTCO ensuring residents are informed about Ombudsman services. Requires DHS to consult with LTCO and to track and compile data on the success of the pilot program. Directs DHS to report to Legislative Assembly on the pilot program no later than September 15, 2022. Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2024.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Room sharing and privacy in AFHs
- Differences between residential care and AFHs
- Safety of residents of AFHs
- AFH provider rates

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-9 Limits pilot program to 15 AFHs. Clarifies selected AFHs to be providing care for older adults and persons with disabilities other than intellectual or developmental disabilities, or mental illness. Limits selected AFHs to providing care for to six adults. Removes requirements ensuring voluntary rooms sharing among residents. Prohibits shared occupancy of rooms by residents other than spouses or intimate partners on a voluntary basis. Requires minimum staff to resident ratio of one to five.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

*FISCAL: Minimum fiscal impact.*

#### BACKGROUND:

Adult foster homes (AFHs) are any setting in which residential care is provided in a home-like environment for five or fewer adults who are not related to the provider by blood or marriage. The Department of Human Services (DHS) operates two programs providing adult foster homes for older adults and individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities. A wide variety of adults are served in AFHs, from those needing only room, board and minimal personal assistance, to those residents needing full personal care or skilled nursing care with the help of community-based registered nurses. Currently, AFHs can only serve five or fewer residents.

House Bill 3270 A requires DHS to administer a four-year pilot program of specified AFHs to provide care to up to seven adults. The measure specifies the requirements of the program and instructs DHS to collaborate with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

*House vote: 59 - 1 - 0 - 0*