

**HB 3270 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Meek

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**Action Date:** 04/08/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Helt, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

**Exc:** 1 - Keny-Guyer

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/25, 4/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Care provided by adult foster homes (AFH) including medication management, hand feeding and other care
- Cost of AFH versus housing alternatives for elderly and disabled individuals
- Housing capacity in existing network and statewide need for additional beds
- Federal licensing requirements
- Square-footage requirements per resident
- Provisions of pilot program proposed by amendment
- Staffing and caregiver availability
- Possible effects of additional beds on current residents

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Adult foster homes (AFH) are single-family residences that offer 24-hour care in a home-like setting. A wide variety of residents are served in AFH, 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, AFH can only serve five or fewer residents.