

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 714

Relating to residential care facility staffing

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Lieber

SB 714 requires residential care facilities to adopt an acuity-based staffing tool to ensure they have appropriately qualified staff, and sufficient staff to meet the needs of all residents at all times.

The measure requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for an acuity-based staffing tool; and, establish the frequency with which a facility must use the staffing tool to reassess its staffing patterns.

The Department is required to ensure a pilot of the staffing tool is operational and accessible to residential care providers as an online tool by January 1, 2022.

If a facility is not using an acuity-based staffing tool as required, the Department can impose fines, penalties, or other conditions to achieve compliance.

The recommended amendment adds funding to implement the measure.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 714 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.