

April 10, 2001

H 1068. ADULT CARE HOMES/QUALITY OF CARE. *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXPLORE METHODS TO IMPROVE AND REWARD QUALITY OF CARE PROVIDED BY LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATION PROGRAM.* As title indicates. Specifies items to be studied regarding rewarding quality of care and directs a report to the Study Comm'n on Aging not later than Oct. 1, 2002, with a final report to the Study Comm'n on Aging and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2002. Directs report on Quality Improvement Consultation Program to the Study Comm'n on Aging on Oct. 1, 2001, and March 1, 2002. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Nye.

Ref. to Aging	STUDY
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April 23, 2001

H 1068. ADULT CARE HOMES/QUALITY OF CARE. Intro. 4/10/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to read *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATION PROGRAM.* Adds the following to matters to be studied by department: (1) joint training for Division of Facility Services Consultants, county DSS adult home specialists, and adult care home providers, as detailed in bill; (2) cost to state of reducing county share of State/County Special Assistance from 50% to 25% over five-year period; and (3) statutory changes necessary to delineate various populations currently regulated as adult care homes according to particular needs of those populations. Directs Department to convene Quality of Standards Work Group to explore alternatives to existing oversight and survey practices that will ensure quality in adult care homes; specifies work of Group and states that it should consist of representatives of Division of Facility Services, NC Assisted Living Ass'n, and NC Ass'n of Long Term Care Facilities.

June 21, 2001

H 1068. LONG-TERM CARE FACIL./QUALITY OF CARE. Intro. 4/10/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds requirement that Dep't of Health and Human Services offer joint training at least twice a year for Division of Facility Services consultants, county DSS adult home specialists, and adult care home providers. Expands Quality of Standards Work Group to include one representative from Division of Facility Services, NC Assisted Living Association, Inc., NC Association of Long Term Care Facilities, NC Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Adult Foster Care Association, Friends of Residents in Long Term Care, Division of Medical Assistance, Rate-Setting Section, Division of Social Services, Adult and Family Services Section, NC Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging, NC Hospital Association, NC Institute of Medicine, and NC Association of Directors of Social Services. Requires Dep't of Health and Human Services to establish a Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Improvement Consultation Project to provide on-site consultation in listed areas, provide joint training of survey team members and nursing home providers, and convene Skilled Nursing Facility Quality of Standards Work Group. Dep't to report to Joint Legislative Health Care Oversight Committee and NC Study Comm'n on Aging on implementation of Work Group, with reports due Oct. 1, 2001, and March 1, 2002.