
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5196

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS OR DISCHARGES BY RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires residential care homes (RCHs) to electronically report each involuntary discharge or transfer (1) to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, in a manner she prescribes, and (2) on a website the ombudsman maintains in accordance with federal HIPAA privacy protections. Facilities must begin reporting this information no later than six months after the bill's passage.

By law, an RCH may involuntarily transfer or discharge a resident only if the (1) facility cannot provide the resident adequate care, (2) resident's health has improved to the point that he or she no longer needs the home's services, (3) health or safety of individuals in the facility is endangered, (4) resident failed to pay for care after reasonable notice, or (5) facility closes. Residents and their representatives must be notified in writing of the discharge at least 30 days in advance (CGS §19a-535a).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 5195, favorably reported by the Aging Committee, requires nursing homes to report involuntary transfers and discharges to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman in the same manner.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)