

# Nursing Care Institution and Assisted Living Facility Study Committee

**PURPOSE:** To: 1) consider whether the Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers should be administered independently or the duties should be moved to the Department of Health Services or another successor agency or licensing board; 2) review and discuss the statutes related to disclosure of all felonies regardless of the applicants' fingerprint clearance card requirement; 3) receive an update from the Auditor General's Office and the Executive Director of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers on the Auditor General's recommendations and the Board's compliance with the recommendations to date; 4) hear testimony about operational changes from the Executive Director of the Board; 5) discuss and research best practices to administer licenses; 6) identify any additional efficiencies to make the Board more responsive to the public and its licensees; 7) review best practices relating to answering and investigating complaints; and 8) review and analyze the regulatory oversight of skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities by the State and federal government and the future needs of the industry. On or before December 1, 2021, the Study Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to the Secretary of State.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Senate Two members of the Senate from different political parties, one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate:  
**Sally Ann Gonzales, Tyler Pace (Co-Chair)**

Other Two licensed assisted living facility managers currently employed as managers of assisted living facility homes, appointed by the President of the Senate:  
**Ms. Gaile Dixon (6/30/2022)**  
**Tiffany Wilkins (6/30/2022)**

The Director of the Department of Health Services or their designee:  
**Mr. Don Herrington, Director, Department of Health Services (6/30/2022)**

One licensed nursing care institution administrator currently employed as an administrator of a skilled nursing facility, from a nonprofit facility, appointed by the President of the Senate:  
**Mr. Dean Kidder, Executive Director, Sun Valley Lodge (6/30/2022)**

The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or the Ombudsman's designee:  
**Ms. Lisa Pollock, Arizona Department of Economic Security**

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One licensed nursing care institution administrator currently employed as an administrator of a skilled nursing facility, from a proprietary facility, appointed by the President of the Senate:

**Mr. Nigel Santiago (6/30/2021)**

One health care professional who treats the elderly, appointed by the Governor:

**Vacant (6/30/2022)**

CONTACT: Michael Madden, Senate Research Staff; Emily Bonner, House Research Staff

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