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:

House Two members of the House of Representatives from different political parties, one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives: Jennifer Longdon, Joanne Osborne (Co-Chair)

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 Four family members of residents of a skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility or assisted living facility home, appointed by the Governor: Ms. Jill Babb Dawna Cato Becky Hill, Hill Advocacy Shawn Trobia

The Director of the Department of Health Services or their designee: Mr. Colby Bower
Two representatives from organizations that advocate for the elderly, appointed by the Governor:
Mr. W. Mark Clark
Dana Kennedy, State Director, AARP Arizona

One member from the Governor's office:
Ms. Christina Corieri, Office of the Governor

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)

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

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 licensed assisted living facility manager currently employed as a manager of an assisted living facility, from a nonprofit facility, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Ms. Donna Taylor

One licensed assisted living facility manager currently employed as a manager of an assisted living facility, from a proprietary facility, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Mr. Kristopher Woolley

One health care professional who treats the elderly, appointed by the Governor:
Vacant (6/30/2022)
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