

Senate Engrossed

assisted living; notice; study committee

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CHAPTER 182

SENATE BILL 1561

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-420.06; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-420.06, to read:

4 36-420.06. Assisted living facilities; eviction; discharge;
5 notice; statement of resident's rights

6 IN ANY NOTICE PROVIDED TO A RESIDENT OF AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
7 ON DISCHARGE OR EVICTION, THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE A
8 STATEMENT OF THE RESIDENT'S RIGHTS.

9 Sec. 2. Vulnerable adult system study committee; membership;
10 duties; report; delayed repeal

11 A. The vulnerable adult system study committee is established
12 consisting of the following members:

13 1. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
14 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are members of
15 different political parties. The speaker of the house of representatives
16 shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the
17 committee.

18 2. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of
19 the senate and who are members of different political parties. The
20 president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as
21 cochairperson of the committee.

22 3. The director of the department of health services or the
23 director's designee.

24 4. The director of the department of economic security or the
25 director's designee.

26 5. The director of the Arizona health care cost containment system
27 or the director's designee.

28 6. One member who represents the governor's office and who is
29 appointed by the governor.

30 7. One member who represents the attorney general's office and who
31 is appointed by the attorney general.

32 8. One member who currently serves as the department of economic
33 security's long-term care ombudsman or the ombudsman's designee.

34 9. One member who currently serves as a public fiduciary and who is
35 appointed by the governor.

36 10. Two members who are employed by a local law enforcement agency
37 or who are employed by a statewide organization that represents law
38 enforcement and who are appointed by the governor.

39 11. The executive director of the Navajo area agency on aging or
40 the executive director's designee.

41 12. The executive director of the inter tribal council of Arizona
42 or the executive director's designee.

43 13. Two members who represent assisted living facilities and who
44 are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

1 14. Two members who represent nursing care institutions and who are
2 appointed by the governor.

3 15. One member who represents a statewide organization that
4 advocates for elderly vulnerable adults and who is appointed by the
5 president of the senate.

6 16. One member who represents a statewide organization that
7 advocates on behalf of persons affected by Alzheimer's disease and who is
8 appointed by the president of the senate.

9 17. One member who represents a statewide association that
10 advocates on behalf of persons who provide services to persons with
11 developmental disabilities and who is appointed by the speaker of the
12 house of representatives.

13 18. One health care professional who is appointed by the speaker of
14 the house of representatives and who both:

15 (a) Is licensed pursuant to title 32, Arizona Revised Statutes.

16 (b) Provides health care services to elderly vulnerable adults.

17 19. One member who is on the governor's advisory council on aging
18 and who is appointed by the governor.

19 20. One member who represents a statewide association representing
20 firefighters in this state and who is appointed by the president of the
21 senate.

22 B. The vulnerable adult system study committee shall:

23 1. Develop and implement a coordinated vulnerable adult delivery
24 system that ensures the health and safety of vulnerable adults.

25 2. Recommend best practices relating to responding to and
26 investigating complaints.

27 3. Research best practices related to adult protective services at
28 the state, municipality and community levels.

29 4. Research and make recommendations on how the vulnerable adult
30 system can ensure that vulnerable adults receive services they require
31 after the vulnerable adult system completes its investigatory duties,
32 including assigning a specific agency with the responsibility to provide
33 or coordinate case management.

34 5. Research and identify common statewide outcomes.

35 6. Identify best practices for data collection and data sharing by
36 various entities involved in providing vulnerable adult services.

37 7. Review and recommend changes to the statutes and rules that
38 govern vulnerable adult services.

39 C. The cochairpersons may designate work groups to research, study
40 and make recommendations to the study committee. At least two work groups
41 shall be established to separately address the needs of persons with
42 developmental disabilities and persons who are elderly or who have a
43 physical disability, including the training requirements for persons who
44 are caring for these populations.

1 D. Once a strategic direction is established, the department of
2 economic security, in conjunction with the work groups, shall develop an
3 action plan for implementation.

4 E. Public members of the study committee are eligible to receive
5 reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2,
6 Arizona Revised Statutes.

7 F. On or before October 1, 2026 and each October 1 thereafter, the
8 study committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations
9 to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house
10 of representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to the
11 secretary of state.

12 G. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2028.

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