

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 10, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1244 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(1) introductory portion,
2 (1)(b.5)," and substitute "(1)".
- 3 Page 2, line 4, strike "(6)(d); and **add** (1)(a.5)" and substitute "(6)(d)".
- 4 Page 2, strike line 13.
- 5 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute:
6 "(a) ~~Repeated:~~ "BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF NURSING FACILITIES"
7 MEANS THAT A GRANT HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS OF
8 NURSING FACILITIES OR HAS AN INDIRECT IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS
9 THROUGH EDUCATION OR TRAINING OF NURSING FACILITY STAFF.
10 (b) ~~"Federal regulations for participation" means the regulations~~
11 ~~found in part 442 of title 42 of the code of federal regulations, as~~
12 ~~amended, for participation under Title XIX of the federal "Social Security~~
13 ~~Act", as amended. "BOARD" MEANS THE NURSING HOME INNOVATIONS~~
14 ~~GRANT BOARD, AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.~~
15 ~~(b.5) "Benefit residents of nursing facilities" means that a grant~~
16 ~~has a direct impact on the residents of nursing facilities or has an indirect~~
17 ~~impact on the residents through education of nursing facility staff.~~
18 ~~(b.7) "Board" means the nursing home innovations grant board;~~
19 ~~authorized by subsection (6) of this section.~~
20 (c) ~~"Nursing facility" means any skilled or intermediate nursing~~
21 ~~care facility that receives federal and state funds under Title XIX of the~~
22 ~~federal "Social Security Act", as amended. "DEPARTMENTS" MEANS THE~~
23 ~~DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE~~
24 ~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING.~~
25 (d) "FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION" MEANS THE

1 REGULATIONS FOUND IN PART 442 OF TITLE 42 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL
2 REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED, FOR PARTICIPATION UNDER TITLE XIX OF
3 THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED.

4 (e) "NURSING FACILITY" MEANS ANY SKILLED OR INTERMEDIATE
5 NURSING CARE FACILITY THAT RECEIVES FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS
6 UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", AS
7 AMENDED."

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