

BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1327
Version:	Committee Substitute
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Impact: Oklahoma Dept. Of Health:	\$136, 737 Initial
	\$21,567 Annual

Impact: OK Health Care Auth: \$27,626,809 Annual

Research Analysis

The CS for **HB 1327** requires the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to monitor each nursing facility to determine that a residents' advisory council is allowed to meet monthly. The measure provides that each facility have a functioning council in order to retain its license and that the facility may be assessed civil penalties for failure to do so. Some additional provisions of the measure include:

- Outlining the purpose and membership of family councils;
- Requiring facilities to have emergency medical resuscitation equipment and staff certified in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support;
- Requiring facilities to designate a physician to serve as medical director;
- Requiring facilities to disclose ownership information to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) which will be posted on the OSDH website;
- Establishing new staff-to-resident ratios and provides that failure to maintain required staffing levels is a grounds for license revocation;
- Prohibiting the administrator from being considered direct-care staff;
- Requiring facilities that use arbitration agreements to notify the resident that such agreement does not limit his or her ability to take legal action;
- Modifying actions required of the OSDH upon receipt of complaints and reports of violations; and
- Authorizing OSDH to suspend or revoke any nurse aide certification if it is determined that an individual is subject to the provisions regarding criminal history background checks that prohibit employment in a long-term care facility.

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Fiscal Analysis

This bill provides for the establishment of 3 new websites dedicated to maintaining the names of each Medical Director, another for the names of each Owner and one for family members of Veterans to post quality of care standards and the ability to post confidential information regarding abuse. The bill further requires that OSDH make updates and maintain the websites. The first part would be to develop the 3 websites with OMES-IT. We anticipate 2 months of web application development for each site at a cost of \$120 per hour. The additional updates and maintenance would require ¼ of an FTE.

