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House Bill 265

(Delegate B. Robinson, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Developmental Disabilities Administration - Inspections of Licensees -
Performance Evaluation of Surveyors

This bill requires the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) or its agent to periodically evaluate the performance of surveyors of licensee-operated sites to ensure the consistent and uniform interpretation and application of licensing requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements can be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: At least once annually (or as often as DDA considers necessary) the administration or its agent must inspect each site or office operated by a person licensed by DDA to provide services. The administration must keep a report of each inspection and must bring any deficiencies to (depending on the type of facility) the attention of either (1) the executive officer of the licensee; or (2) both the State Planning Council and the State-designated protection and advocacy agency.

DDA advises that certain processes relating to the bill's requirements are already in place. Specifically, the Office of Health Care Quality (an agent of DDA) currently evaluates and ensures the consistent application of regulatory standards generally. In addition, an informal dispute resolution process is available for use by licensees who may disagree with surveyors' findings.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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