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Senate Bill 471

(Senator Kelley)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators - Composition and
Executive Director

This bill expands the membership of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators from 11 to 13 members. Additional members include a licensed nursing home administrator with experience with the Eden Alternative Green House or a similar program, if practicable; a physician or a nurse practitioner who specializes in geriatrics; a geriatric social worker; and a representative of the Office of Health Care Quality who serves as an *ex officio* member. The number of consumer members is reduced from four to two, and one of the consumer members must have, or have had, a family member living in a nursing home. The bill requires the full board to appoint, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to confirm, the executive director, who must have at least a bachelor's degree. The requirement does not apply to the current executive director.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The board can likely handle expense reimbursement for the additional members with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, composed of 11 members, licenses and regulates nursing home administrators in the State. The board is the only health occupations board that is general funded. The licensing fee for nursing

home administrators is \$100. The Office of Health Care Quality within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene licenses and regulates assisted living programs, and ensures that assisted living managers meet specified training requirements.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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