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SB 123 – Oversight Committee Membership

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 123.

This is in the same form as the House Bill 747.

This consensus bill revises the number of Senators and Delegates on the *Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities* and updates the membership on the committee as some groups are defunct now and some names have changed.

I have coordinated with both the House and Senate committees, the Department of Aging and with the *Oversight Committee*.

Currently in law, 2 Senators and 2 Delegates are assigned to the Committee. This bill makes it 1 Senator and 1 Delegate.

The reason is because prior to 2023, this *oversight* committee had shared responsibility between EEE and Finance. Thus 2 Senators were assigned to the committee, and the House matched the number of Senators on the committee with 2 of their own Delegates.

In 2023, the Senate Committee names were changed along with their scope of responsibility, and as a result the *oversight* committee no longer was under 2 Senate committees but just Finance.

Therefore, the Senate now only needs one member on the *oversight* committee. And since there is only one Senate member needed, the House no longer desires to have 2 members but 1 as well.

The bill also updates the membership on the committee as some groups are defunct now and some names have changed.

The entities removed are the *Health Facilities Association* and the *Voices for Quality Care*.

The entity added is the LeadingAge Maryland.

The bill modifies one section to add, 'To the extent practicable', for the three representatives from the assisted living industry.

For all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.