

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1363

5 By: Representatives Key, Edwards, Glidewell, Medley, Pennartz
6 By: Senators Horn, Altes
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 20-10-1402 AND
11 20-10-1403 TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF CARE OF
12 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS BY CREATING
13 STAFFING STANDARDS FOR THOSE NURSING FACILITIES
14 DESIGNATED OR CERTIFIED AS EDEN ALTERNATIVE OR
15 GREEN HOUSE PROJECT NURSING FACILITIES; AND FOR
16 OTHER PURPOSES.
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18 **Subtitle**

19 TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF CARE OF LONG-
20 TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS BY CREATING
21 STAFFING STANDARDS FOR THOSE NURSING
22 FACILITIES DESIGNATED OR CERTIFIED AS
23 EDEN ALTERNATIVE OR GREEN HOUSE PROJECT
24 NURSING FACILITIES.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-10-1402(b), concerning staffing
30 standards for nursing facilities, is amended to read as follows:

31 (b)(1) The Except for nursing facilities that the Office of Long-Term
32 Care designates or certifies as Eden Alternative nursing facilities or Green
33 House Project nursing facilities, the staffing standard required by this
34 subchapter shall be the minimum number of direct-care staff required by
35 nursing facilities and shall be adjusted upward to meet the care needs of



1 residents.

2 (2)(A) The office shall promulgate staffing standards for
3 nursing facilities that the office designates or certifies as Eden
4 Alternative nursing facilities or Green House Project nursing facilities.

5 (B) The department may develop a reimbursement methodology
6 or amend the reimbursement methodology in existence as of the effective date
7 of this act to provide payment for staff that provide services or care to
8 residents in the designated or certified Eden Alternative nursing facilities
9 or Green House Project nursing facilities.

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-10-1403(a), concerning the ratio of
12 staff to residents of nursing facilities, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Except for nursing facilities that the Office of Long-Term Care
14 designates as Eden Alternative nursing facilities or Green House Project
15 nursing facilities, All all nursing facilities shall maintain the following
16 minimum direct-care staffing to resident ratios:

17 (1) One (1) direct-care staff to every six (6) residents for the
18 day shift. Of this direct-care staff, there shall be at least one (1)
19 licensed nurse to every forty (40) residents;

20 (2) One (1) direct-care staff to every nine (9) residents for
21 the evening shift. Of this direct-care staff, there shall be at least one (1)
22 licensed nurse to every forty (40) residents; and

23 (3) One (1) direct-care staff to every fourteen (14) residents
24 for the night shift. Of this direct-care staff, there shall be at least one
25 (1) licensed nurse to every eighty (80) residents.

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27 /s/ Key

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