

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

36 (2)(A) The office shall promulgate staffing standards for



1 nursing facilities that the office designates or certifies as Eden
2 Alternative nursing facilities or Green House Project nursing facilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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