



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1401

home care services; disclosure

Sponsors: Senators Barto, Bradley; Lesko, et al.

DP Committee on Children and Family Affairs

DP Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

SB 1401 outlines reporting requirements relating to a business entity that provides home care services in this state.

HISTORY

On December 17, 2014, the House of Representatives Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference (COR) held a public hearing to consider the sunrise application of the Arizona In-Home Care Industry. The sunrise application states that in Arizona, home care businesses that provide home care services directly to the consumer are not required to provide basic information to the consumer, which would enable a consumer to make an informed choice to the suitability of the services being provided. The COR made a recommendation that a bill be drafted for consideration by the full legislature containing disclosure of items such as those submitted in the sunrise application or as deemed appropriate during the legislative process.

PROVISIONS

1. Requires a business entity that provides home care services in this state to annually disclose to its clients all of the following:
 - a. Whether employees and contractors have had criminal background checks performed and the entity's policy on sending personnel with criminal records to a client's home;
 - b. The name and position of the person with day-to-day management responsibilities relating to the provision of home care services;
 - c. A description of any mandatory training for employees and contractors and whether the training includes first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
 - d. A description of the types and costs of home care services provided; and
 - e. A description of the entity's home care services agreements and procedures on how an agreement may be terminated.
2. Specifies that the disclosure requirements do not apply to the following:
 - a. A volunteer organization, person or family member who provides home care services for one or more persons and does not receive compensation or monetary benefit for the volunteer organization;
 - b. An organization or individual that is licensed in this state to provide home care services or related services; or
 - c. An individual or organization that is contracted with this state to provide services on behalf of the state or federal government.
3. Defines *Home Care Services*.