

**HB 1277-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Addresses current statutes and funding levels that limit the department of social and health services' ability to promote vulnerable adult protections.

Expands licensing requirements and imposes additional civil penalties for adult family home providers.

Requires the department of social and health services to:

(1) Use additional investigative resources to address a significant growth in the long-term care complaint workload;

(2) Develop a statewide internal quality review and accountability program for residential care services;

(3) Adopt rules to specify criteria on how to apply sanctions with increasing severity; and

(4) Convene a quality assurance panel to review problems in the quality of care in adult family homes and to reduce incidents of abuse, neglect, abandonment, and financial exploitation.

Creates a separate adult family home account in the custody of the state treasurer to be used only for promoting the quality of life and care of residents living in adult family homes.

Provides that sections 501 and 502 of the act are null and void if appropriations are not approved.