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SENATE BILL 1396

Local Government and Regional Affairs Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/96

House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/18/96

Short Title: New Hanover Nursing Home Board.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 30, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE LAW AND THE OMBUDSMAN LAW AS IT AFFECTS NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 131E-128(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) (1) A community advisory committee shall be established in each county which has a nursing home, including a nursing home operated by a hospital licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E, shall serve all the homes in the county, and shall work with each home in the best interest of the persons residing in each home. ~~In a county which has one, two, or three nursing homes, the committee shall have five members. In a county with four or more nursing homes, the committee shall have additional member for each nursing home in excess of three.~~ The committee shall have one member for every 50 nursing home beds in the county.

(2) In each county with four or more nursing homes, the committee shall establish a subcommittee of ~~no more than five members and no fewer than~~

1 three visiting members from the committee for each nursing home in the
2 county. Each member ~~must~~shall serve on at least one subcommittee.

- 3 (3) Each committee shall be appointed by the board of county
4 commissioners. Of the members, a minority (not less than one-third,
5 but as close to one-third as possible) ~~must~~shall be chosen from among
6 persons nominated by a majority of the chief administrators of nursing
7 homes in the county and of the governing bodies of the hospitals
8 licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E, which operate nursing
9 homes. If the nursing home administrators and the governing bodies of
10 the hospitals licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E, which
11 operate nursing homes fail to make a nomination within 45 days after
12 written notification has been sent to them by the board of county
13 commissioners requesting a nomination, these appointments may be
14 made by the board of county commissioners without nominations."

15 Sec. 2. G.S. 143B-181.19 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 "(c) Nothing in this section precludes a county from maintaining its own
17 Ombudsman Office, paid for by the county. The County Ombudsman shall have all the
18 powers and duties of the Regional Ombudsman."

19 Sec. 3. This act applies only to the County of New Hanover.

20 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.