

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/HB 1373 — Medication Administration

by Health and Human Services Committee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; and Rep. Stevenson (CS/CS/SB 1788 by Appropriation Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senator Passidomo)

CS/CS/HB 1373 revises requirements for caregivers who do not hold a professional medical license and administer or assist with the administration of prescription medications to persons with developmental disabilities in residential facilities licensed by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

The bill expands the minimum number of hours for an initial training course that unlicensed caregivers must complete to assist with the administration and/or supervision of medication to no less than 6 hours, instead of no less than 4 hours. The bill requires unlicensed caregivers to demonstrate competency in the administration of medication, with specific competency assessment and validation requirements that vary based on the way the medication is administered, and requires all direct service providers to complete a 2-hour annual course in medication administration and error prevention.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0