

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	Senate 4 - 0 - 1 House 4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Krieger, Nelson, Schaufler, Boone, George L., Johnson, Morrisette, Verger
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	1/30, 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires certain health and child care facilities to adopt emergency plan that provides for safety of persons receiving services from facilities when faced with threat of imminent danger.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the bill may be in current statutes
- Duplicate layer of mandated training
- Need to address facilities in inundation zones
- Some facilities not prepared for emergencies
- Emergencies that pose threats to Seniors and people with physical disabilities
- Issues to be addressed during rule making

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statutes the Department of Human Services and the Child Care Division of the Employment Department are authorized to adopt rules to address health or safety threats to the residents. An Adult Foster Care Home is required, by rule, to have a emergency evacuation plan, have the ability to evacuate the residents within three minutes and conduct the drills at least once every 90 days and one time per year when the residents are sleeping. Child Care Centers are required to have a written emergency plan for fire, earth quakes, evacuation or illness.

House Bill 2371 would require adult foster homes, health care facility, residential facility and child care facilities to adopt a plan to provide for the safety of persons receiving care in the event of an emergency that pose a threat to the life, health or safety of the persons receiving care. All employees of the home or facility would be trained in the responsibilities to implement the plan required by the bill. New rules would be required for the emergency plan, training for the employees and procedures for evacuation to a place of safety when the conditions of imminent danger require relocation of those persons.

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