ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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VETOED

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1282

nursing care administrators; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers (NCIA Board) for eight years.

Background

The NCIA Board regulates nursing care institution administrators and assisted living facility managers in Arizona. The NCIA Board duties include: 1) adopting rules for licensing and certifying qualified applicants; 2) conducting examinations to determine applicant qualification; 3) adopting application, certification and examination fees; 4) conducting investigations or administrative hearings in response to complaints; 5) prescribing standards for assisted living facility training programs; and 6) reporting to the Legislature (A.R.S. § 36-446.03). The NCIA Board consists of nine members who are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The NCIA Board is required to meet at least twice annually (A.R.S. §§ 36-446.02 and 36-446.03).

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference (COR) conducted a virtual public meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020, to review the audit report prepared by the Auditor General, evaluate the NCIA Board's responses to the sunset factors and receive public testimony. The COR recommended that the Legislature continue the NCIA Board for eight years (COR Final Report) The NCIA Board is set to terminate on July 1, 2021, unless legislation is enacted for its continuation (A.R.S. § 41-3021.11).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2021, the NCIA Board until July 1, 2029.
- 2. Repeals the NCIA Board on January 1, 2030.
- 3. Contains a purpose statement.
- 4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.

Governor's Veto Letter

The Governor expresses in his <u>veto letter</u> that the oversight of nursing care institution administrators and assisted living facility managers needs improvement. The Governor additionally asserts his intention to work with the Legislature to transfer the Board's duties to the Department of Health Services.

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House Action

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Vetoed by the Governor 5/03/21

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