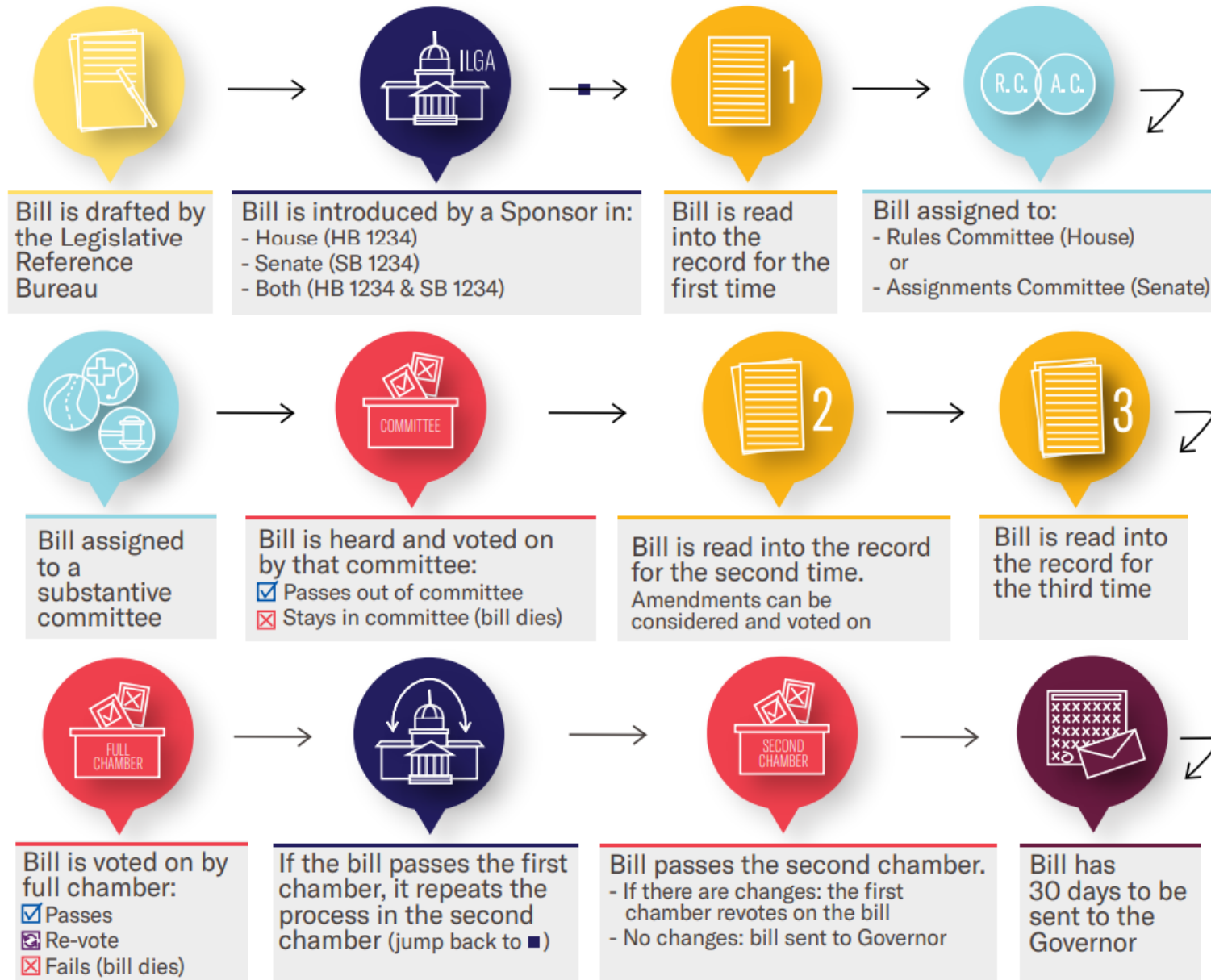


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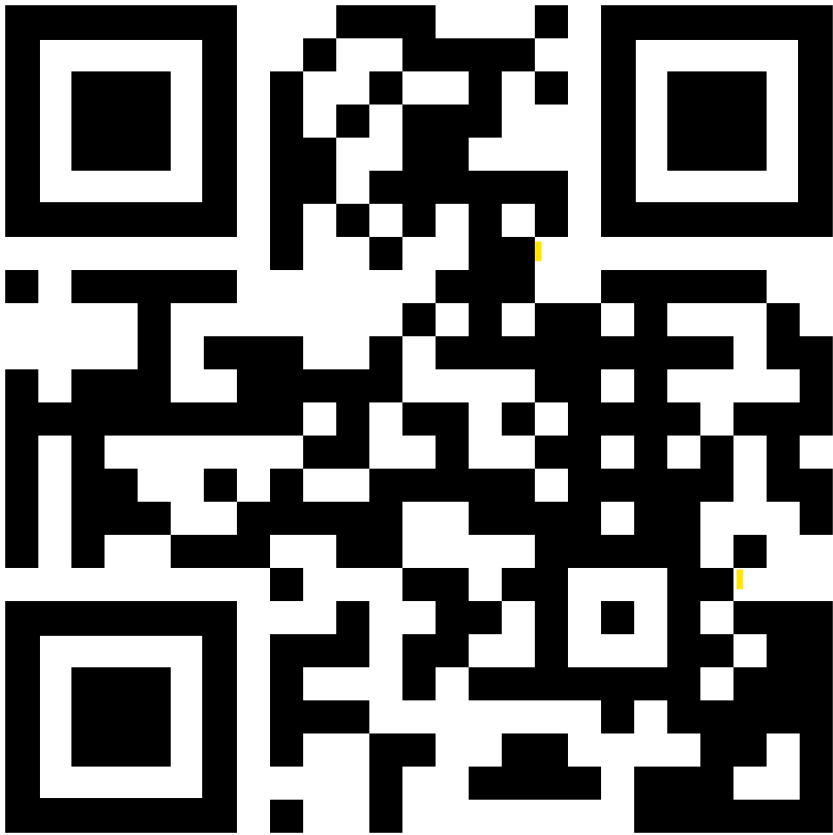
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2. Click on "GA Dashboard" under "Reports & Inquiry"
3. On the left-hand side bar, click "House" or "Senate," depending on which chamber the bill is in.
 - a. From the drop-down menu, click "Committee Hearings"
 - i. Choose "Today," "Week" or "Month," depending on when the committee is next meeting.
 - b. Click on the relevant committee.
 - i. Clicking the text itself will not have an effect, so click on the notepad icon to the right of the committee name.
4. Find the relevant bill number. Click the corresponding pencil and notepad icon in the right-hand column.
5. Fill out the fields with your identifying information, including:
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. City
 - d. Firm
 - e. Title
 - f. Email (if you wish to receive a confirmation of your witness slip)
 - g. Phone number
 - h. Representation (name of group you represent)
6. For position, click the drop-down menu and select either the original bill or an amendment, if relevant.
 - a. Select your position by clicking the appropriate box.
7. Under testimony, click "Oral Testimony," "Written Testimony" or "Record of Appearance Only" if you wish to have your position on record.
8. Correctly fill out the captcha code words for security verification. If you cannot read the words, you can reload them for a new set.
9. Click the check box at the very bottom of the page to indicate your acceptance of the terms.
10. To submit your witness slip, click "Create Slip." You will see a page with a green check mark that indicates your witness slip has been successfully submitted. If you completed the email field, you will receive a confirmation email with the slip info. If there were any errors in any fields, they will be shaded red and you must correct them. When correcting errors, you must re-complete the captcha code section (step 8) and agree to the terms again (step 9), before finalizing to "Create Slip" again.

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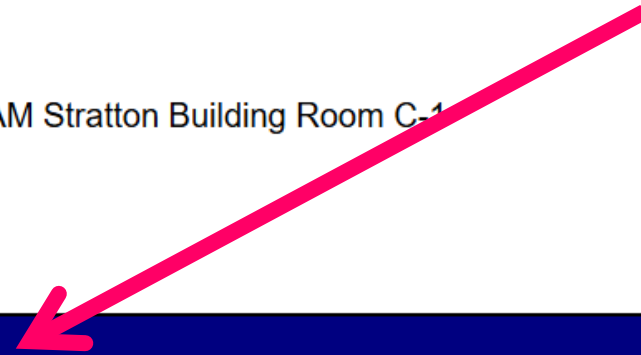
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



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Health and Human Services Committee

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NUMBER

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I. IDENTIFICATION

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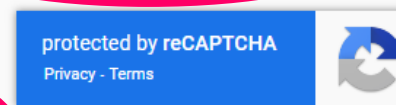
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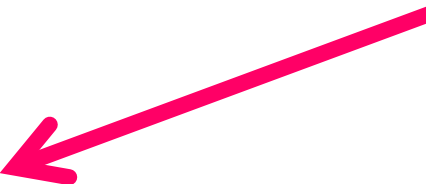
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



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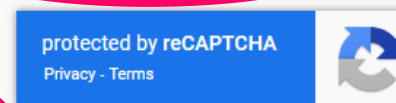
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Spring 2025 Ombudsman Initiatives

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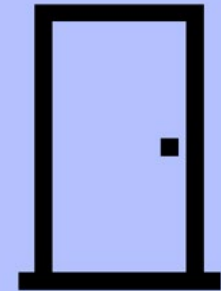
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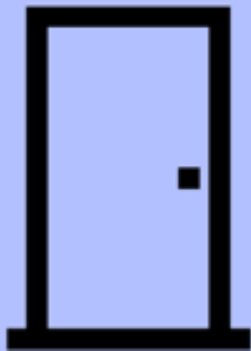


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- The hearing process is the resident's main recourse after a home tries to dump them at a hospital and refuses to take them back.
- The administrative hearing process for an involuntary discharge exists to protect a resident's right to due process.
- These bills strengthen that right by:
 - Requiring a home to readmit a resident if an administrative law judge rules in the resident's favor
 - Clarifies home may be fined for refusing to take a resident back after a hearing decision in the resident's favor.
 - Providing for a 30-day notice of involuntary transfer or discharge to align with federal rules.

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- Some long-term care operators have normalized the idea that residents must earn the right to go outside by being cooperative.
- These bills specify residents have a right to enter and leave unless the resident's physician documents that leaving would pose a danger to the resident or others.

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Requires AEDs to be available in nursing homes and other long-term care settings



- An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest and heart when it detects and abnormal rhythm.
- AEDs combined with CPR provide the best chance of survival when a person experiences cardiac arrest.
- AEDs are required in schools, fitness centers, horse racing facilities, police departments, and dental offices.
- These bills would require AEDs in long-term care homes resulting in better outcomes for residents who experience cardiac arrest due to the availability of faster treatment.

Other Legislation affecting Long- Term Care



SB0205 – Personal Needs
Allowance to increase based on
the consumer price index.



SB1465 – Makes changes Nursing
Home Care Act regarding the
staffing ratio