

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: April 6, 1998 Revised: _____

Subject: Long-Term Care Community Diversion Pilot Project

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Crosby	Whiddon	CF	Favorable/CS
2.	_____	_____	HC	_____
3.	_____	_____	WM	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2324 provides that individuals may choose providers who are affiliated with their religious faith or denomination for purposes of long-term care services.

This bill amends section 430.705, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The Department of Elderly Affairs (the department), in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, designs and implements community diversion pilot projects in an effort to delay or prevent nursing home placement. The pilot projects will provide acute care services, home and community-based long-term care services, and, when necessary, nursing home care through managed care organizations. Subsection (3) of s. 430.705, F.S., relating to the implementation of the Long-Term Care Community Diversion Pilot Projects, requires the department to provide prospective project participants with a choice of participating in a community diversion pilot project or any other appropriate placement. To the extent possible, individuals are to be allowed to choose their care providers. No reference to religious affiliation is included in current law.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 430.705, F.S., regarding the implementation of the Long-Term Care Community Diversion Pilot Project, to add that, among their choices and to the extent possible, participants may choose providers who are affiliated with their religious faith or denomination.

Section 2 provides that this act shall take effect upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.