

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 9, 1998 Revised: _____

Subject: Long-Term Care Community Diversion Pilot Project

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Withdrawn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

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, whether those services are provided through a community diversion pilot project or through any other appropriate placement.

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 long-term care 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 430.705(3), 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 Projects, 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 for the bill to take effect upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on municipalities and the counties under the requirements of Article VII, section 18 of the State Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on public records or open meetings issues under the requirements of Article I, subsections 24(a) and (b) of the State Constitution.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on the trust fund restrictions under the requirements of Article III, subsection 19(f) of the State Constitution.

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.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
