

SB 1166 — Community Residential Homes

by Senators Altman, Storms and Bennett

The bill exempts community residential homes (and homes that would be community residential homes but they have six or less residents), homes for people with certain disabilities, within planned residential communities from the requirement that these homes may not be located within 1,000 feet of each other. Planned residential communities may not be within 10 miles of each other. The bill defines a planned residential community as a planned unit development designed to serve people with developmental disabilities that:

- is under unified control;
- is 8 acres or more in size;
- provides housing options for individuals without disabilities; and
- is designed to provide choices for residents and allow for freedom of movement of residents within and outside of the community.

The bill authorizes the licensure of a facility that (1) provides residential services for up to 15 children with developmental disabilities with intensive behavioral problems as defined by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and (2) as of July 1, 2010, served children in the welfare system who have an open case with the Department of Children and Family Services. The amendment specifies that the facility must: not have more than fifteen children; be in compliance with all program criteria; and comply with local zoning requirements.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 65-47