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HB4796 AS REPORTED WITH AMENDMENT(S)

Sponsor: Rep. Carl M. Williams

H-1

Committee: SENIOR HEALTH, SECURITY
AND RETIREMENT

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State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

House Bill 4796 (H-1) amends the Public Health Code to require the Department of Community Health (DCH), the Department of Career Development and the Office of Services to the Aging to continue the Long-Term Care Staff Recruitment and Retention Focus Group. The Focus Group shall report within 1 year to the Governor and the Legislature on its findings and recommendations regarding recruiting, developing and retaining direct care and other staff at long-term care facilities, and on strategies to improve and enrich the working environment in long-term health care facilities. The bill abolishes the Focus Group after the completion of its report.

There will be costs to the departments involved associated with the functions and reporting of the Focus Group. Potential costs will depend on the availability of existing departmental resources. As a comparison, a Long-Term Care Work Group recently coordinated by DCH for a period of two years utilized existing DCH staff and other resources, and also utilized contractual support services at a cost of approximately \$147,000 with existing funds.