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HB5146 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Rep. Joanne Voorhees

Committee: SENIOR HEALTH, SECURITY
AND RETIREMENT

Analyst(s): Schneider, Bob

Completed: 12/11/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

The bill would do all of the following:

- a) Codify the definitions of certain terms used in the regulation of nursing homes
- b) Require the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (CIS) to develop and adopt clinical process guidelines to be used in applying these defined terms and to train nursing home surveyors in the use of these guidelines
- c) Require the CIS to create a clinical advisory committee to review and make recommendations regarding the clinical process guidelines
- d) Require the CIS to create a process to review and authorize the issuance of citations against nursing homes for "immediate jeopardy" and "substandard quality of care" before the statement of deficiencies is made final
- e) Require the CIS to assess the effectiveness of the bill's provisions, including reporting to the Legislature
- f) Allow the CIS to make awards to nursing homes to encourage the implementation of the adopted clinical process guidelines

These provisions would increase costs to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services by an indeterminate amount. It is possible that increased costs would be met out of existing appropriations and resources.