



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 649

PRINTERS NO. 1026

PRIME SPONSOR: Rapp

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 649, Printer's Number 1026, establishes the Access to Congregate Care Facilities Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation requires the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to establish protocols to permit an essential caregiver to provide in-person physical and emotional support to a congregate care facility resident during a declaration of disaster emergency.

HB 649 requires that a congregate care facility resident designate an essential caregiver at the time of admission, allows congregate care facilities to establish reasonable safety requirements, and specifies that costs for an essential caregiver's personal protective equipment and compliance with safety requirements are the responsibility of the caregiver.

The provisions of the bill are applicable beginning 15 days after a declaration of disaster emergency is issued and remain in effect until 60 days after the declaration is terminated.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** March 23, 2021

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*