



Support SB2341 (Fowler)

Direct Support Persons in Supportive Living

What is the need:

Supportive Living Programs are not the same as skilled nursing facilities. They are affordable assisted living environments in which individuals live independently and receive personal care and other services.

Direct Service Persons (DSPs) already provide outstanding care to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They can provide that same outstanding care and service to seniors in Supportive Living.

What the bill proposes:

- Allows Supportive Living Providers (SLP) to employ Direct Support Persons (DSPs) who have successfully completed a DSP training program approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Requires the Supportive Living Program to check the Department of Public Health's (DPHs) Health Care Worker Registry to verify that an individual hired to provide direct support services is listed on the Registry as eligible to work for a health care employer.
- DSP responsibilities would include, but not be limited to, providing personal care services (bathing, eating, dressing, personal hygiene, grooming, toileting, ambulation, medication reminders, and assistance with transfer), observing a resident's functioning, and maintaining written records of those observations and reporting any changes to a licensed nurse on duty.

Vote YES on SB2341 and allow Direct Support Persons (DSPs) to work in Supportive Living

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