

COVID-19 Pandemic

H.B. 120

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Fraizer and Richardson

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- Requires long-term care facilities to permit compassionate caregivers to provide in-person visitation to facility residents in compassionate care situations during an epidemic, pandemic, or other state of emergency.
- Requires long-term care facilities to develop and implement a compassionate caregiver visitation policy within 30 days of the act's effective date and requires the policy to meet enumerated criteria.
- Requires the compassionate caregiver visitation policy to be the least restrictive possible and provide maximum access to residents.
- Permits at least two visitors per resident for at least two hours if the resident appears to be approaching the end of life.
- Requires long-term care facilities to permit health care and other specified individuals who are not employees of the facility to enter the facility to provide services to residents.