| **House Bill 3961**  Senate Amendments  Section-by-Section Analysis | | |
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| HOUSE VERSION | SENATE VERSION (CS) | CONFERENCE |
| SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 260C to read as follows:  CHAPTER 260C. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION BY CERTAIN FACILITIES  Sec. 260C.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "long-term care facility" means:  (1) a nursing facility licensed under Chapter 242;  (2) an assisted living facility licensed under Chapter 247; or  (3) any other facility under the jurisdiction of the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code.  Sec. 260C.002. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE. A long-term care facility shall post on the facility's Internet website information about the office of the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code, including information regarding the office's:  (1) role as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities; and  (2) contact information. | SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 260C to read as follows:  CHAPTER 260C. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION BY CERTAIN FACILITIES  Sec. 260C.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "long-term care facility" means:  (1) a nursing facility licensed under Chapter 242;  (2) an assisted living facility licensed under Chapter 247; or  (3) any other facility providing care to residents who are assisted by the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code.  Sec. 260C.002. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a long-term care facility shall post on the facility's Internet website information about the office of the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code, including:  (1) information regarding the office's role as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities; and  (2) the office's statewide toll-free telephone number.  (b) A long-term care facility:  (1) may comply with this section by posting the required information on the Internet website of the facility's parent company if the facility does not maintain a unique Internet website; and  (2) is not required to comply with this section if the facility and any parent company do not maintain an Internet website. |  |
| SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021. | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022. |  |