SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 956

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

by amending section 21717 (MCL 333.21717), as amended by 2014 PA 66, and by adding section 5145.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 5145. (1) The department, in consultation with the department of licensing and regulatory affairs, shall do all of the following:

(a) By July 31, 2020, conduct an evaluation of the operation, efficacy, clinical outcomes, and performance of each COVID-19 regional hub that was implemented and operating during this state's response to coronavirus in nursing homes and provide a detailed report on its evaluation to the house and senate standing
committees on health policy.

(b) By August 15, 2020, develop and submit a plan to the house
and senate standing committees on health policy, based on relevant
and updated guidance issued by the federal Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention, describing a process to ensure that by
September 15, 2020 there are dedicated facilities available for use
for only coronavirus-positive patients in each of the 8 health care
regions of this state to provide care to individuals who test
positive for coronavirus and are ineligible for admission at a
hospital, nursing home, or adult foster care facility. If the plan
uses the regional hub design described in subdivision (a), the plan
must incorporate any enhancement that the department considers
appropriate to prevent the spread of coronavirus in nursing homes
based on the evaluation conducted by the department under this
section.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Coronavirus" means severe acute respiratory syndrome
coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

(b) "Health care region" means a health care region as
described by the department.

Sec. 21717. (1) An individual shall not be admitted or
retained for care in a nursing home who—
if either of the following applies:

(a) The individual requires special medical or surgical
treatment, or treatment for acute mental illness, developmental
disability, communicable tuberculosis, or a communicable disease,
unless the home is able to provide an area and a program for the
care. The department shall approve both the area and the program.

(b) Beginning September 15, 2020, the individual has tested
positive for coronavirus unless either of the following applies:

(i) The individual has since recovered from coronavirus.

(ii) The nursing home is able to provide a designated area and a program to demonstrate its ability to retain the individual in its facility and provide the appropriate care necessary for the individual consistent with adequate supply, staffing, and operational capacity at the nursing home at the time of the individual's diagnosis. The department shall approve the nursing home's designated area and the program before the nursing home is permitted to retain residents under this subparagraph in its care.

(2) As used in this section, "coronavirus" means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).