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## **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Bill Passes House and Senate**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program has announced the passage of Senate Bill 7018 in both the House and Senate. The bill will now be sent to Governor Scott for his final action. This legislation modernizes the operating structure to bring standardization and efficiencies to the program, retargets resources to complaint investigations and training that emphasizes the dignity and quality of life of residents, and conforms the program statute to the federal Older Americans Act.

“I would like to thank the members of the House and Senate, the Department of Elder Affairs, and my staff for all of their hard work regarding this important legislation,” said Leigh Davis, State Ombudsman.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program advocates for the health, safety, welfare, and rights of individuals residing in long-term care settings. Ombudsman volunteers work with residents, family members, administrators, and other parties to resolve complaints or issues brought by or on behalf of long-term care residents.

For more information on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, please visit:  
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