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Bill Analysis

SB 370 provides that no long-term care facility shall employ any person placed on sex offender registry or any person convicted of human trafficking. The measure shortens the probationary period from 7 to 5 years as it relates to certain crimes. Additionally, the measure specifies that nurse aide who has undergone a criminal history background check and been deemed eligible for employment by the Department and who is currently employed or contracted by a facility and works not less than 160 hours per month for the facility may be employed or contracted by one or more secondary facilities without an additional criminal history background check if certain conditions are met. The measure authorizes long-term care facilities to employ nurse aides that have not yet completed their training if the nurse aides are enrolled in the facility's training and competency evaluation program until November 1, 2026. The State Department of Health is authorized to grant a 4-month extension to such nurses. The measure provides that certified nurse aides may begin an education-based or employer-based training and competency evaluation and examination program to become a certified medication aide immediately after receiving certification as a nurse aide and being listed on the nurse aide registry and allows certified medication aides to administer oxygen prescribed by a licensed practitioner. The measure also codifies provisions relating to approval and withdrawal of employer-based training programs, competency examinations, curriculum, and certified nurse aide recertification.

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