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House Bill No. 5873

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. EBERLE of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL DRUG USE BY PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall establish a
2 pilot program to enable any guardian of a person with mental
3 retardation to approve experimental drug use for such person if (1) the
4 prescribed experimental drug will specifically benefit such person's
5 condition, and (2) the Department of Mental Retardation, or a
6 committee of the department, has approved the use of such
7 experimental drug for such condition. The commissioner may adopt
8 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
9 implement and administer the pilot program established under this
10 section.

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Mental Retardation

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

This bill requires the Department of Mental Retardation to establish a pilot program allowing guardians to approve experimental drug use for individuals with mental retardation under certain conditions. This bill also allows the commissioner to adopt regulations to implement and administer this program.

As a result of implementing this program and adopting regulations, the department may incur a workload increase, which can be handled within the available resources of the department.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL DRUG USE BY PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION.**SUMMARY:**

This bill directs the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) commissioner to establish a pilot program allowing a guardian of a person with mental retardation to approve experimental drug use for that individual under certain conditions. The prescribed experimental drug must specifically benefit the person's condition and DMR, or a department committee, must have approved the use of the drug for that particular condition. The bill authorizes DMR to adopt regulations to operate this pilot program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 25 Nay 0