



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 609

Senate, April 15, 2004

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE FEDERAL FUNDING WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
2 and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
3 Services, the Comptroller and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis,
4 shall evaluate the potential effect of recent federal legislation
5 concerning Medicare prescription benefits, Medicaid, disproportionate
6 share (DSH) payments, and employer-sponsored retirement plans,
7 upon existing state policies and procedures, including prescription
8 benefits for retired state employees and benefits provided to persons
9 who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and shall
10 develop recommendations to maximize the amount of federal funding
11 received by the state for such purposes. Not later than January 1, 2005,
12 the secretary shall submit findings and recommendations, including
13 proposed administrative and legislative changes necessary to
14 implement such findings and recommendations, to the joint standing

15 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
16 relating to appropriations and human services, in accordance with the
17 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

APP *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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), in consultation with the Department of Social Services, the Comptroller and the Legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, to evaluate the impact on the state of recent federal policy changes. OPM must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2005. The agencies involved with this evaluation will incur minimal increased administrative costs due to their participation.

OFA Bill Analysis

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0