



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 413**

January Session, 2009

Substitute Senate Bill No. 488

*Senate, April 2, 2009*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE METHOD OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO NURSING HOMES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services shall study methods for setting rates of payment to licensed  
3 chronic and convalescent nursing homes and to rest homes with  
4 nursing supervision for persons aided or cared for by the state in order  
5 to determine the most efficient method for setting rates of payment  
6 that will (1) save the state money, (2) provide such institutions with  
7 stability in state reimbursement, and (3) incorporate costs based on the  
8 level of care required by each such person aided or cared for by the  
9 state. Not later than March 1, 2010, said commissioner shall submit a  
10 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
11 statutes, on the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the  
12 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
13 of matters relating to human services and to the select committee of the  
14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging.



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Minimal Cost

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to study Medicaid nursing home rate setting methods and to report the findings to the General Assembly by March 1, 2010. The department will incur a minimal administrative cost to meet the requirements of the bill.

**The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 488*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE METHOD OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO NURSING HOMES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to study methods for setting Medicaid nursing home payment rates to determine the most efficient method of rate setting that will (1) save the state money, (2) provide nursing homes with stability in state reimbursement, and (3) incorporate costs based on patient care needs.

It requires the commissioner to submit a report with his findings and recommendations to the Human Services and Aging committees by March 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference  
Yea 11 Nay 0 (03/05/2009)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 14 Nay 5 (03/17/2009)