



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 937

*Senate, March 20, 2013*

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. AYALA, A. of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS IN A HOME SETTING RATHER THAN A NURSING HOME FACILITY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, (1) "elderly person" means a person sixty years of age or older,  
3 and (2) "nursing home facility" has the same meaning as provided in  
4 section 19a-521 of the general statutes.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
6 Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop a plan to ensure that, on  
7 and after January 1, 2016, not less than seventy-five per cent of elderly  
8 persons who require long-term care shall receive such care in a home  
9 setting rather than a nursing home facility.

10 (c) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social  
11 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall  
12 conduct a study that identifies: (1) The number of elderly persons in  
13 this state projected to be in need of long-term care on and after January

14 1, 2016; (2) the projected percentage of persons identified in  
 15 subdivision (1) of this subsection who would be deemed functionally  
 16 capable of receiving long-term care in a home setting; (3) federal and  
 17 state funds projected to be available to support such care on and after  
 18 January 1, 2016; (4) projected savings from providing such care in a  
 19 home setting rather than a nursing home facility for seventy-five per  
 20 cent of those requiring such care; (5) labor force changes needed to  
 21 provide such care; and (6) the impact on nursing home facilities.

22 (d) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social  
 23 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall  
 24 convene a working group which includes, but is not limited to: (1)  
 25 Elderly persons who are long-term care consumers or their  
 26 representatives; (2) representatives of home care providers; (3)  
 27 representatives of for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home facilities;  
 28 and (4) Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health  
 29 staff who oversee long-term care services and regulations.

30 (e) Not later than December 31, 2014, the Commissioner of Social  
 31 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall  
 32 present the plan described in subsection (b) of this section to the joint  
 33 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 34 matters relating to aging, human services and public health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subsec. (a), the defined term "elderly" was changed to "elderly person" for accuracy, and in subsec. (d), conforming, technical changes were made.

**AGE** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Social Services, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to develop a plan and conduct a study related to the state's long-term care needs specific to home and nursing home settings. There is no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 937*****AN ACT CONCERNING CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS IN A HOME SETTING RATHER THAN A NURSING HOME FACILITY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the social services (DSS) commissioner, in consultation with the public health (DPH) commissioner, to:

1. develop a plan to ensure that, starting January 1, 2016 at least 75% of elderly people (ages 60 and older) requiring long-term care receive it in a home setting instead of a nursing home facility (it appears to assume that this percentage would select and be functionally eligible for home care);
2. conduct a study by October 1, 2013 to gather certain information needed to implement the plan;
3. convene a working group by October 1, 2013 consisting of state agency, long-term care consumer, and long-term care provider representatives; and
4. present the plan to the Aging, Human Services, and Public Health committees by December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**STUDY REQUIREMENTS**

The bill requires the study to project the:

1. number of elderly residents needing long-term care starting January 1, 2016;
2. percentage of these people who are functionally capable of

- receiving long-term care at home;
- 3. federal and state funds available to support long-term care starting January 1, 2016; and
- 4. savings from providing home care versus nursing home facility care to 75 percent of those needing long-term care.

The study must also identify necessary labor force changes and the plan’s impact on nursing home facilities.

**WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION**

The bill requires the working group to include (1) elderly long-term care consumers, home care providers, and for-profit and nonprofit nursing homes, or their representatives and (2) DSS and DPH staff overseeing long-term care services and regulations. The bill does not specify the group’s responsibilities.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)