



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 166

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 242

Senate, March 23, 2016

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging, shall
3 conduct a study of nursing homes to determine whether (1) there is a
4 sufficient number of nursing homes in the state, and (2) the services
5 offered by such nursing homes meet the need for long-term care.

6 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
7 shall include, but not be limited to, a report on: (1) Decreases or
8 increases in total nursing home population annually for fiscal years
9 2010 to 2015, inclusive; (2) state budget expenditures on nursing home
10 care in each of said fiscal years; and (3) whether any programmatic or
11 legislative changes are needed to better serve adults in need of
12 institutionalized care.

13 (c) Not later than July 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Social Services
14 shall report on the results of the study done pursuant to subsection (a)

15 of this section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 16 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
 17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging and human
 18 services. Such report may include the Commissioner of Social Services'
 19 recommendations for addressing identified gaps in the provision of
 20 services and improving access to such services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the last sentence of Section 1(c), "the commissioner's" was changed to "the Commissioner of Social Services' " for clarity.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. The requirements of the study are already available in the state's *Strategic Plan the Rebalance Long-Term Services and Supports* report as well as the statutorily required report of the Connecticut Long-Term Planning Committee.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)