



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 804

Senate, March 7, 2019

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. MARONEY of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY OMBUDSMAN.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The State Ombudsman, appointed
2 pursuant to section 17a-405 of the general statutes, and the
3 Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a Community
4 Ombudsman program to investigate complaints concerning care
5 received by recipients of home and community-based services
6 administered by the Department of Social Services. Not later than
7 September 1, 2019, the State Ombudsman and the Commissioner of
8 Social Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of
9 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
10 and human services identifying: (1) The persons to be served in the
11 Community Ombudsman program, (2) the types of services to be
12 offered under such program, and (3) appropriations needed to staff the
13 Community Ombudsman program.

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

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) to develop a Community Ombudsman program has no fiscal impact. It is anticipated that DORS and the Department of Social Services have the expertise to determine: 1) the persons to be served by the program, 2) services to be provided, and 3) the appropriation needed to staff the program.

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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 Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 0 (02/26/2019)