OLR Bill Analysis
SB 561

AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the social services commissioner to increase, from $60 to $72 per month, the personal needs allowance (PNA) provided to long-term care facility residents who receive Medicaid or certain other federal or state assistance.

Covered facilities include nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and state humane institutions. Residents of these facilities who receive Medicaid apply their monthly income (e.g., Social Security) towards the cost of their care. But federal law allows them to keep a portion of this income (the PNA) to pay for incidental items, such as haircuts, telephone expenses, and newspapers, or hobbies. Facilities deposit the PNA into residents’ personal fund accounts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 13  Nay 0  (02/20/2019)