

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-163

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES.

Vote Date: 3/3/2020

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill directs the Commissioner of Social Services to conduct a study of the state's long-term care needs to determine if existing programs and strategies are enough to meet the needs of people who are age 65 and older. The study shall include but not be limited to the number of residents who were 65 and older in 2019, and the projected age of those who will be age 65 and older in 2023. Also, for calendar year 2019, those with disabilities who required long-term care and the number of residents removed from institutionalized settings to home and community-based setting under the Money Follows the Person project. For 2015 to 2019 it should specify savings realized in state spending on long-term care related to the Money Follows the Person project and the projected number of persons who will require long-term care for 2023. The study shall conclude no later the July1, 2021 and be submitted to Aging and Human Services Committees.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

The Dept. of Social Services: They point out the Governor's Strategic Plan to Rebalance Long-Term Services and Supports fulfills all the needs identified in this proposal. Also, CT GS 17b – 337 requires the Connecticut Long-Term Care Planning Committee to prepare a long-term care plan every three years which was released in January 2019.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mag Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut: They do not object to this bill and are happy to assist the state with these studies, but they pointed out that they assisted on the

updated reports on Connecticut's Medicaid Long-Term Care Needs Projections as well as the Strategic Rebalancing Plan.

Tracy Wodatch, President and CEO, Connecticut Assoc. for Healthcare at Home: They are in support of this bill. They are convinced that the financial viability of the states home health agencies is critical to resident's access to community-based services and will ensure the favorable trend of the state's+9 budget savings.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No testimony submitted

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