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Senate**

General Assembly

File No. 660

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 818

Senate, May 10, 2021

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2022, the
2 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance
3 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
4 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5 matters relating to aging and appropriations and the budgets of state
6 agencies. Such report shall examine the cost and feasibility of permitting
7 a community spouse of an institutionalized spouse to retain the
8 maximum resource amount allowable for such community spouse
9 pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2). For purposes of this section,
10 "institutionalized spouse" and "community spouse" each have the same
11 meaning as provided in 42 USC 1396r-5(h).

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

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to examine the cost and feasibility of allowing the community spouse of an institutionalized individual to retain the maximum amount of assets allowed under federal law, and report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2022. This has no fiscal impact as DSS has the expertise necessary to complete the report.

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 Change of Reference - APP
Yea 15 Nay 0 (02/16/2021)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/21/2021)