

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 244**

February Session, 2024

LCO No. 2833

**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING
ACCESS TO RESPITE SERVICES BY PURSUING A FAMILY
CAREGIVER SUPPORT BENEFIT THROUGH A MEDICAID
DEMONSTRATION WAIVER.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social Services
2 shall conduct a study on the feasibility of pursuing a family caregiver
3 support benefit through a Medicaid demonstration waiver under
4 Section 1115 of the Social Security Act that would provide respite
5 services and support to residents of the state who are not otherwise
6 eligible for such services under Medicaid. Such study shall include an
7 examination of (1) Oregon's project independence and family caregiver
8 assistance program operated pursuant to such a demonstration waiver,
9 (2) other options to expand eligibility for respite services for persons not
10 eligible for Medicaid, and (3) potential state-funded long-term care
11 services that could be used to offset the costs of a family caregiver
12 support benefit. Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall
13 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
14 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
15 having cognizance of matters relating to aging and human services
16 regarding the results of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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