



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 176

Senate, March 13, 2024

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.

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, 2025, the
- 2 Commissioner of Public Health shall (1) develop a plan to establish a
- 3 hospice and palliative care program for children in the state, including,
- 4 but not limited to, through the expansion of existing programs in the
- 5 state that provide hospice or palliative care to children, and (2) report,
- 6 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
- 7 regarding such plan and the anticipated timeframe for implementation
- 8 of such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
- 9 having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

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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PH Joint Favorable Subst.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	100,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop and report on a plan to establish a hospice and palliative care program for children in the state by 1/1/25, results in an estimated one-time cost to the agency in FY 25 of approximately \$100,000.¹

The Out Years

The fiscal impact to DPH is anticipated in FY 25 only.

¹This cost is due to the need for about 550 hours of work by a health care business consultant.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/04/2024)