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TITLE: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION TO EFFECT GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION CONCERNING HUMAN SERVICES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services, Government Administration and Elections, Public Health

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 473

STATE IMPACT	Uncertain, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Uncertain, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Office of Policy and Management, Various State Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: While it is anticipated that the consolidation of the State's Health and Human Services Agencies (including the reorganization of the child support enforcement responsibilities of State agencies) would result in a savings to the State in the future, the extent of this savings is uncertain at this time.

Given the complicated nature of a cost and savings analysis associated with agency mergers and program transfers, the fiscal impact upon the State and municipalities that would result from reorganizing the Health and Human Services Agencies of the State cannot be determined at this time. The bill provides for this by directing the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to submit plans and reports to the Joint Standing Appropriations, Human Services and Public Health Committees which would include definitive analyses of the cost and savings associated with the reorganization, prior to its actual implementation. It is anticipated that expenses associated with developing the implementation plans for the reorganization can be absorbed through the normal operating budget of the agencies involved.

Senate "A" provides further clarification to the implementation plan for reorganization of Health and Human Services agencies to include the transfer of the Development Disabilities Council to the Office of Policy and Management for administrative purposes and the establishment of a Commission on Aging.

It further requires a reorganization of the child support enforcement responsibilities of State agencies to promote better coordination of such responsibilities and to improve accountability and service to the public. The Office of Policy and Management, the Judicial Department and the Department of Human Resources are directed to develop a transition plan to accomplish the implementation of this reorganization by July 1, 1993 and report this plan to the General Assembly on or before February 1, 1993.

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