

House of Representatives, April 3, 1998. The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. KEELEY, 125th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE REGARDING ELDERLY SERVICES.

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

1 (NEW) (a) The Commissioner of Social Services
2 shall establish an interagency committee for the
3 purpose of exchanging information on long-term
4 care issues, coordinating policy development, and
5 establishing a long-term care plan for elders.
6 Such plan shall integrate the three components of
7 a long-term care system including home and
8 community-based services, supportive housing
9 arrangements, and nursing facilities. Such plan
10 shall include: (1) A vision statement for a
11 long-term care system; (2) the current number of
12 elders receiving services; (3) elders demographics
13 by service type; (4) the current aggregate cost of
14 such system of services; (5) forecasts of future
15 demand for services; (6) the type of services
16 available and the amount of funds necessary to
17 meet the demand; (7) projected costs for programs
18 associated with such system; (8) strategies to
19 promote the Partnership for Long-term Care
20 Program; (9) resources necessary to accomplish
21 goals for the future; (10) funding sources

22 available; and (11) the number and types of
23 providers needed to deliver services. The plan
24 shall address how changes in one component of such
25 long-term care system impact other components of
26 such long-term care system.

27 (b) The interagency committee shall consist
28 of: (1) The Commissioner of Social Services, or
29 his designee; (2) one member of the Office of
30 Policy and Management appointed by the Secretary
31 of the Office of Policy and Management; (3) one
32 member from the Department of Social Services
33 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services;
34 (4) one member from the Department of Public
35 Health appointed by the Commissioner of Public
36 Health; and (5) one member from the Department of
37 Economic and Community Development appointed by
38 the Commissioner of Economic and Community
39 Development. The Commissioner of Social Services
40 shall convene the interagency committee no later
41 than ninety days after the effective date of this
42 act. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
43 authority. The Commissioner of Social Services, or
44 his designee, shall be chairperson of the
45 interagency committee.

46 (c) Not later than January 1, 1999, and not
47 later than the first day in January every two
48 years thereafter, with the interagency committee,
49 the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a
50 long-term care plan, pursuant to subsection (a) of
51 this section, to the joint standing and select
52 committees of the General Assembly having
53 cognizance of matters relating to elderly services
54 and long-term care.

55 PRI COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 11 NAY 0 JF C/R HS
56 HS COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 14 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5332

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Departments of Social Services, Public Health, and Economic and Community Development, Office of Policy and Management

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

This bill requires the establishment of an interagency committee to exchange long term care information. This committee must develop a long term care plan for the state and submit it to the General Assembly by January 1, 1999, and every two years thereafter. This bill will result in increased costs to the agencies involved related to participation on the committee and developing the long term care plan. However, these costs are anticipated to be minimal and able to be absorbed within anticipated budgeted resources.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5332

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE REGARDING ELDERLY SERVICES

SUMMARY: This bill requires the social services

commissioner to establish a five-member interagency committee to exchange information on long-term care issues, coordinate policy development, and establish a long-term care plan for the elderly. It requires that the plan (1) integrate the three components of a long-term care system: home and community-based services, supportive housing arrangements, and nursing facilities; (2) address how changes in one component affect the others; and (3) contain specified information.

The bill requires the commissioner to convene the committee within 90 days after October 1, 1998. The commissioner must submit the plan to the legislature's standing and select committees that have cognizance of elderly services and long-term care matters by January 1, 1999 and then every two years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

FURTHER EXPLANATION

Committee Membership

The committee's membership consists of the social services commissioner or her designee (who serves as chairman) and one member each from the Office of Policy and Management and the departments of Social Services, Public Health, and Economic and Community Development, appointed by their respective department heads.

Long-term Care Plan Contents

The plan must include:

1. a vision statement for a long-term care system;
2. the number and demographic characteristics of elderly people currently receiving services, by service type;
3. the current aggregate cost of such system of services, and projected future costs;
4. service demand forecasts, and available services and funds needed to meet the demand;

5. strategies to promote the Partnership for Long-term Care Program (a state-approved private long-term care insurance that allows people to keep a portion of their assets equal to the benefits the plan pays out instead of having to spend down nearly all their assets to qualify for Medicaid);
6. resources needed to accomplish goals for the future;
7. funding sources available; and
8. the number and types of providers needed to deliver services.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 11 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 14 Nay 0