

File No. 662

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House Bill No. 5332
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 2, 1998

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 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There shall be
2 established a long-term care planning committee
3 for the purpose of exchanging information on
4 long-term care issues, coordinating policy
5 development and establishing a long-term care plan
6 for elderly persons. Such plan shall integrate the
7 three components of a long-term care system
8 including home and community-based services,
9 supportive housing arrangements and nursing
10 facilities. Such plan shall include: (1) A vision
11 and mission statement for a long-term care system;
12 (2) the current number of elderly persons
13 receiving services; (3) demographic data
14 concerning elderly persons by service type; (4)
15 the current aggregate cost of such system of
16 services; (5) forecasts of future demand for
17 services; (6) the type of services available and
18 the amount of funds necessary to meet the demand;
19 (7) projected costs for programs associated with
20 such system; (8) strategies to promote the

21 Partnership for Long-term Care Program; (9)
22 resources necessary to accomplish goals for the
23 future; (10) funding sources available; and (11)
24 the number and types of providers needed to
25 deliver services. The plan shall address how
26 changes in one component of such long-term care
27 system impact other components of such system.

28 (b) The long-term care planning committee
29 shall consist of: (1) The chairpersons and ranking
30 members of the joint standing and select
31 committees of the General Assembly having
32 cognizance of matters relating to human services,
33 public health, elderly services and long-term
34 care; (2) the Commissioner of Social Services, or
35 his designee; (3) one member of the Office of
36 Policy and Management appointed by the Secretary
37 of the Office of Policy and Management; (4) one
38 member from the Department of Social Services
39 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services;
40 (5) one member from the Department of Public
41 Health appointed by the Commissioner of Public
42 Health; (6) one member from the Department of
43 Economic and Community Development appointed by
44 the Commissioner of Economic and Community
45 Development; and (7) one member from the Office of
46 Health Care Access appointed by the Commissioner
47 of Health Care Access. The committee shall convene
48 no later than ninety days after the effective date
49 of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
50 appointing authority. The chairperson shall be
51 elected from among the members of the committee.

52 (c) Not later than January 1, 1999, and
53 biennially thereafter, the long-term care planning
54 committee, shall submit a long-term care plan
55 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the
56 joint standing and select committees of the
57 General Assembly having cognizance of matters
58 relating to human services, public health, elderly
59 services and long-term care, in accordance with
60 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
61 statutes.

62 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its
63 passage.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5332

STATE IMPACT	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, Office of Health Care Access, Legislative Management

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

This bill requires the establishment of a long-term care planning committee. It is anticipated that the agencies that are included on this committee can participate within their anticipated budgetary resources.

House "A" strikes the original bill and results in the current associated fiscal impact.

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OLR AMENDED BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5332 (as amended by House "A")*

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

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a long-term care planning 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 committee must convene within 90 days after the bill's passage. The commissioner must submit the plan to the legislative committees that have cognizance of elderly services and long-term care matters by January 1, 1999 and then every two years.

*House Amendment "A" adds legislative members and a member from the Office of Health Care Access to the interagency committee, renames it the "long-term care planning committee," requires the committee to elect its chairman instead of designating the social services commissioner as chairman, requires a mission statement, changes the bill's effective date from October 1 to upon passage, and makes other technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

FURTHER EXPLANATION

Committee Membership

The committee's membership consists of chairmen and ranking members of the legislature's joint standing and select committees having cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health, elderly services, and long-term care; the social services commissioner or her designee; and one member each from the Office of Policy and Management and the departments of Social Services, Public Health, Economic and Community Development, and Office of Health Care Access appointed by their respective department heads. The bill requires the committee members to elect their chairman.

Long-term Care Plan Contents

The plan must include:

1. a vision and mission 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 and projected future costs of such system of services;
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.

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

On April 8, the House referred the bill to the Commerce Committee, which reported it favorably on April 15. On April 17, the house referred the bill to the GAE Committee, which reported it favorably on April 22. On April 26, the House referred the bill to the Public Health Committee, which reported it favorably on April 28. On April 29, the House referred the bill to the Legislative Management Committee, which reported it favorably on April 30. None of these committees made any changes in the bill.

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

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 23 Nay 1

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 20 Nay 0

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 24 Nay 0

Legislative Management Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 15 Nay 2