



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 56

PRINTER'S NO: 1194

PRIME SPONSOR: K. Smith

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
Lottery Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 56 amends the Older Adults Protective Services Act (OAPSA) to include assisted living residences in the definition of "facilities" and to provide for mandatory reporting of suspected neglect of elderly. It requires long-term care facility employees and administrators who have a reasonable cause to suspect that a care recipient is a victim of neglect to make a report to the local area agency on aging. Reports of neglect shall include only those instances in which neglect rises to the level where serious physical harm or the threat to life or safety will result.

This act would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 56 requires the same reporting for cases of neglect as currently stand for cases of abuse. This bill largely serves to clarify existing practice, and therefore, enactment of House Bill 56 is not anticipated to have an impact on Commonwealth funds. While one may infer that the current reporting requirements in OAPSA apply to suspected neglect that rise to the level where serious physical harm or the threat to life or safety will result, this legislation clarifies that such instances of suspected neglect must be reported.

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