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AN ACT

1 Providing for long-term services and supports; establishing the
2 Long-Term Services and Supports Commission, the Long-Term
3 Services and Supports Council and the Long-Term Services and
4 Supports Trust Fund; imposing duties on the Department of
5 Human Services and the Department of Revenue; and imposing a
6 payroll premium.

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5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Long-Term
9 Care Trust Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Approved service." Long-term services and supports,
15 including, but not limited to:

- 16 (1) Adult day services.
- 17 (2) Care transition coordination.
- 18 (3) Memory care.
- 19 (4) Adaptive equipment and technology.
- 20 (5) Environmental modification.
- 21 (6) Personal emergency response system.
- 22 (7) Home safety evaluation.
- 23 (8) Respite for family caregivers.
- 24 (9) Home delivered meals.
- 25 (10) Transportation.
- 26 (11) Dementia supports.
- 27 (12) Education and consultation.
- 28 (13) Eligible relative care.
- 29 (14) Professional services.
- 30 (15) Assisted living services.

1 (16) Adult family home services.

2 (17) Nursing home services.

3 "Benefit unit." Up to \$100 paid by the department to a long-
4 term services and supports provider as reimbursement for
5 approved services provided to an eligible beneficiary on a
6 specific date.

7 "Commission." The Long-Term Services and Supports Trust
8 Commission established under section 4.

9 "Council." The Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Council
10 established under section 5.

11 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the
12 Commonwealth.

13 "Eligible beneficiary." A qualified individual who is 18
14 years of age or older, resides in this Commonwealth, was not
15 disabled before 18 years of age, has been determined to meet the
16 minimum level of assistance with activities of daily living
17 necessary to receive benefits through the program and who has
18 not exhausted the lifetime limit of benefit units.

19 "Fund." The Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Fund
20 established under section 11.

21 "Long-term services and supports provider." A person that
22 meets the qualifications applicable under law to the approved
23 service that the person provides, including a qualified or
24 certified home care aide, licensed assisted living facility,
25 licensed adult family home, licensed nursing home, licensed in-
26 home services agency, adult day services program, vendor,
27 instructor, qualified family member or other entities as
28 registered by the department.

29 "Premium." The payments required under section 9 and paid to
30 the Department of Revenue for deposit into the fund.

1 "Program." The Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program
2 established under section 3.

3 "Qualified family member." A relative of an eligible
4 beneficiary qualified to meet the requirements established under
5 law for the approved service the relative provides that would be
6 required of any other long-term services and supports provider
7 to receive payments from the Commonwealth.

8 "Qualified individual." An individual who meets the duration
9 of payment requirements established under this act.

10 Section 3. Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program.

11 (a) Establishment.--The Long-Term Services and Supports
12 Trust Program is established within the department.

13 (b) Administration.--The department, an actuary contracted
14 by the department and the Department of Revenue shall have the
15 responsibilities of implementing and administering the program
16 as provided under this section.

17 (c) Department of Human Services.--The department shall:

18 (1) Make determinations regarding an individual's status
19 as an eligible beneficiary under section 7.

20 (2) Approve long-term services and supports eligible for
21 payment as approved services under the program, as informed
22 by the commission.

23 (3) Register long-term services and supports providers
24 that meet minimum qualifications.

25 (4) Discontinue the registration of long-term services
26 and supports providers that:

27 (i) fail to meet the minimum qualifications
28 applicable in law to the approved service that the long-
29 term services and supports providers provide; or

30 (ii) violate the operational standards of the

1 program.

2 (5) Disburse payments of benefits to registered long-
3 term services and supports providers, utilizing and
4 leveraging existing payment systems for the provision of
5 approved services to eligible beneficiaries under section 8.

6 (6) Prepare and distribute written or electronic
7 materials to qualified individuals, eligible beneficiaries
8 and the public as deemed necessary by the commission to
9 inform the public of program design and updates.

10 (7) Provide customer service and address questions and
11 complaints, including referring individuals to other
12 appropriate agencies.

13 (8) Provide administrative and operational support to
14 the commission.

15 (9) Track data useful in monitoring and informing the
16 program, as identified by the commission.

17 (10) Track the use of lifetime benefit units to verify
18 the individual's status as an eligible beneficiary.

19 (11) Ensure approved services are provided through
20 audits or service verification processes within the service
21 provider payment system for registered long-term services and
22 supports providers and recoup any inappropriate payments.

23 (12) Establish criteria for the payment of benefits to
24 registered long-term services and supports providers under
25 section 8.

26 (13) Establish rules and procedures for benefit
27 coordination when the eligible beneficiary is also funded for
28 Medicaid and other long-term services and supports, including
29 Medicare, coverage through the Department of Labor and
30 Industry and private long-term care coverage.

1 (14) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
2 implement and administer the activities specified under this
3 section related to the program.

4 (d) Department of Revenue.--The Department of Revenue shall:

5 (1) Collect and assess employee premiums as provided in
6 section 9.

7 (2) Assist the commission, council and State actuary in
8 monitoring the solvency and financial status of the program.

9 (3) Make determinations regarding an individual's status
10 as a qualified individual under section 6.

11 (4) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
12 implement and administer the activities specified under this
13 section.

14 (e) Actuary.--The department shall contract with an actuary
15 and the contract shall include that the actuary do the
16 following:

17 (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, and biennially
18 thereafter, perform an actuarial audit and valuation of the
19 fund. Additional or more frequent actuarial audits and
20 valuations may be performed at the request of the council.

21 (2) Make recommendations to the council and the General
22 Assembly on actions necessary to maintain fund solvency. The
23 recommendations shall include options to redesign or reduce
24 benefit units, approved services, or both, to prevent or
25 eliminate any unfunded actuarially accrued liability in the
26 trust or to maintain solvency.

27 (3) Select and contract for actuarial, research,
28 technical and other consultants as the actuary deems
29 necessary to perform the actuary's duties under this act.

30 Section 4. Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Commission.

1 (a) Establishment.--The Long-Term Services and Supports
2 Trust Commission is established. The commission's
3 recommendations and decisions shall be guided by the joint goals
4 of maintaining benefit adequacy and maintaining fund solvency
5 and sustainability.

6 (b) Membership.--The commission shall include:

7 (1) The Secretary of Human Services or a designee.

8 (2) The Secretary of Revenue or a designee.

9 (3) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the
10 President pro tempore of the Senate.

11 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives,
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

13 (5) One representative of an organization representing
14 the area agencies on aging.

15 (6) One representative of a home care association that
16 represents caregivers who provide services to private pay and
17 Medicaid clients.

18 (7) One representative of a union representing long-term
19 care workers.

20 (8) One representative of an organization representing
21 retired individuals.

22 (9) One representative of an association representing
23 skilled nursing facilities and assisted living providers.

24 (10) One representative of an association representing
25 adult family home providers.

26 (11) Two individuals receiving long-term services and
27 supports, or their designees, or representatives of consumers
28 receiving long-term services and supports under the program.

29 (12) One member who is a worker who is, or will likely
30 be, paying the premium established under section 9 and who is

1 not employed by a long-term services and supports provider.

2 (13) One representative of an organization of employers
3 whose members collect, or will likely be collecting, the
4 premium established under section 9.

5 (c) Terms.--Except for the members under subsection (b) (1),
6 (2), (3) and (4), members of the commission shall be appointed
7 by the Governor for terms of two years, except that the Governor
8 shall appoint the initial members to staggered terms not to
9 exceed four years.

10 (d) Chair.--The Secretary of Human Services, or the
11 secretary's designee, shall serve as chair of the commission.

12 (e) Meetings and quorum.--Meetings of the commission shall
13 be at the call of the chair. A majority of the voting members of
14 the commission shall constitute a quorum for any votes of the
15 commission. Approval of 60% of those voting members of the
16 commission who are in attendance is required for the passage of
17 any vote.

18 (f) Recommendations.--Beginning January 1, 2024, the
19 commission shall propose recommendations to the department
20 regarding:

21 (1) The establishment of criteria for determining that
22 an individual has met the requirements to be a qualified
23 individual as established under section 6 or an eligible
24 beneficiary as established under section 7.

25 (2) The establishment of criteria for minimum
26 qualifications for the registration of long-term services and
27 supports providers who provide approved services to eligible
28 beneficiaries.

29 (3) The establishment of payment maximums for approved
30 services consistent with actuarial soundness which may not be

1 lower than Medicaid payments for comparable services. A
2 service or supply may be limited by dollar amount, duration
3 or number of visits. The commission shall engage affected
4 stakeholders to develop this recommendation.

5 (4) Changes to rules or policies to improve the
6 operation of the program.

7 (5) Providing a recommendation to the council for the
8 annual adjustment of the benefit unit as provided under this
9 act.

10 (6) Assisting the actuary contracted by the department
11 with the preparation of regular actuarial reports on the
12 solvency and financial status of the program and advising the
13 General Assembly on actions necessary to maintain trust
14 solvency. The commission shall provide the actuary with all
15 actuarial reports for review. The actuary shall provide any
16 recommendations to the commission and the General Assembly on
17 actions necessary to maintain trust solvency.

18 (7) Whether and how to extend coverage to individuals
19 who became disabled before 18 years of age, including the
20 impact on the financial status and solvency of the trust. The
21 commission shall engage affected stakeholders to develop this
22 recommendation.

23 (8) Consultation with the actuary contracted by the
24 department on the development of an actuarial report of the
25 projected solvency and financial status of the program. The
26 actuary shall provide any recommendations to the commission
27 and the General Assembly on actions necessary to achieve
28 trust solvency.

29 (g) Expenses.--The commission shall monitor department
30 administrative expenses over time. Beginning November 15, 2024,

1 the commission shall annually report to the Governor, the
2 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Finance Committee of
3 the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
4 Finance Committee of the House of Representatives on department
5 spending for administrative expenses and anticipated
6 administrative expenses as the program shifts into different
7 phases of implementation and operation. The November 15, 2027,
8 report shall include recommendations for a method of calculating
9 future department administrative expenses to limit
10 administrative expenses while providing sufficient money to
11 adequately operate the program. The members under subsection (b)
12 (1), (2), (3) and (4) may advise the commission on the reports
13 prepared under this subsection but must recuse themselves from
14 the commission's process for review, approval and submission to
15 the General Assembly.

16 (h) Investment strategy subcommittee.--The commission shall
17 establish an investment strategy subcommittee consisting of the
18 members under subsection (b)(1), (2), (3) and (4) as voting
19 members of the subcommittee. In addition, four members appointed
20 by the Governor who are considered experienced and qualified in
21 the field of investment shall serve as nonvoting members. The
22 subcommittee shall provide guidance and advice to the State
23 Treasury on investment strategies for the fund, including
24 seeking counsel and advice on the types of investments that are
25 constitutionally permitted.

26 Section 5. Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Council.

27 (a) Establishment.--The Long-Term Services and Supports
28 Trust Council is established.

29 (b) Membership.--The council shall include:

30 (1) The Secretary of Human Services or a designee.

1 (2) The Secretary of Revenue or a designee.

2 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President
3 pro tempore of the Senate.

4 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6 (5) The Deputy Secretary for the Office of the Budget's
7 Office of Comptroller Operations.

8 (c) Adjustments to benefit unit.--On an annual basis, the
9 council shall determine adjustments to the benefit unit to
10 ensure benefit adequacy and solvency of the fund. The benefit
11 unit shall be adjusted at a rate no greater than the Consumer
12 Price Index, as determined by the council. In determining
13 adjustments to the benefit unit, the council shall review the
14 actuary's actuarial audit and valuation of the fund, any
15 recommendations by the actuary and commission, data on relevant
16 economic indicators and program costs and sustainability.

17 (d) Chair.--The Secretary of Human Services, or the
18 secretary's designee, shall serve as chair of the council.

19 (e) Meetings and quorum.--The council shall meet at least
20 once annually to determine adjustments to the benefit unit under
21 subsection (c). Additional meetings of the council shall be at
22 the call of the chair. A majority of the voting members of the
23 council shall constitute a quorum for any votes of the council.
24 Approval of 60% of the members of the council who are in
25 attendance is required for the passage of any vote. The council
26 may adopt rules for the conduct of meetings, including
27 provisions for meetings and voting to be conducted by
28 telephonic, video or other conferencing process.

29 Section 6. Qualifying beneficiaries.

30 (a) Determination.--The Department of Revenue shall deem an

1 individual to be a qualified individual as provided under this
2 act if the individual has paid the long-term services and
3 supports premiums required under section 9 for the equivalent of
4 either:

5 (1) a total of 10 years without interruption of five or
6 more consecutive years; or

7 (2) three years within the last six years.

8 (b) Requirements.--When deeming an individual to be a
9 qualified individual, the Department of Revenue shall require
10 that the individual have worked at least 500 hours during each
11 of the 10 years in subsection (a) (1) and each of the three years
12 in subsection (a) (2).

13 Section 7. Disbursement of benefits.

14 (a) General rule.--Beginning January 1, 2027, approved
15 services shall be available and benefits payable to a registered
16 long-term services and supports provider on behalf of an
17 eligible beneficiary under this section.

18 (b) Eligible beneficiary.--A qualified individual may become
19 an eligible beneficiary by filing an application with the
20 department and undergoing an eligibility determination which
21 includes an evaluation that the qualified individual requires
22 assistance with at least three activities of daily living. The
23 department shall engage a qualified assessor so that the
24 determination may be made within 45 days from receipt of the
25 application by the qualified individual to use a benefit.

26 (c) Receipt of services and benefits.--An eligible
27 beneficiary:

28 (1) May receive approved services and benefits through
29 the program in the form of a benefit unit payable to a
30 registered long-term services and supports provider.

1 (2) May not receive more than the dollar equivalent of
2 365 benefit units over the course of the eligible
3 beneficiary's lifetime.

4 (d) Reimbursements.--If the department reimburses a long-
5 term services and supports provider for approved services
6 provided to an eligible beneficiary and the payment is less than
7 the benefit unit, only the portion of the benefit unit that is
8 used shall be taken into consideration when calculating the
9 individual's remaining lifetime limit on receipt of benefits.

10 (e) Combination of benefit units.--Eligible beneficiaries
11 may combine benefit units to receive more approved services per
12 day as long as the total number of lifetime benefit units has
13 not been exceeded.

14 Section 8. Benefits.

15 (a) Payment.--Benefits provided under this act shall be paid
16 periodically and promptly to registered long-term services and
17 supports providers.

18 (b) Qualified family members.--Qualified family members may
19 be paid for approved personal care services in the same way as
20 individual providers, through a licensed home care agency or
21 through a third option if recommended by the commission and
22 adopted by the department.

23 Section 9. Payroll premium.

24 (a) General rule.--Beginning January 1, 2024, the Department
25 of Revenue shall assess for each individual in employment with
26 an employer a premium based on the amount of the individual's
27 wages. The initial premium rate shall be 0.58% of the
28 individual's wages. Beginning January 1, 2026, and biennially
29 thereafter, the premium rate shall be set by the Independent
30 Fiscal Office at a rate no greater than 0.58%. In addition, the

1 Independent Fiscal Office shall set the premium rate at the
2 lowest amount necessary to maintain the actuarial solvency of
3 the fund in accordance with recognized insurance principles and
4 designed to attempt to limit fluctuations in the premium rate.
5 To facilitate the premium rate setting the actuary contracted by
6 the department shall perform a biennial actuarial audit and
7 valuation of the fund and make recommendations to the
8 Independent Fiscal Office.

9 (b) Duties of employers.--An employer shall:

10 (1) Collect from employees the premiums provided under
11 subsection (a) through payroll deductions and remit the
12 amounts collected to the Department of Revenue.

13 (2) In collecting employee premiums through payroll
14 deductions, act as the agent of the employees and shall remit
15 the amounts to the Department of Revenue as required by this
16 act.

17 (c) Collective bargaining agreements.--Nothing in this act
18 shall require a party to a collective bargaining agreement
19 taking effect within 24 months or less of the effective date of
20 this section to reopen negotiations of the agreement or to apply
21 any of the responsibilities under this act unless and until the
22 existing agreement is reopened or renegotiated by the parties or
23 expires.

24 (d) Collection.--Premiums shall be collected in the manner
25 and at such intervals as provided by the Department of Revenue.

26 (e) Deposit of premiums.--The Department of Revenue shall
27 deposit all premiums collected under this section into the fund.

28 (f) Increase of premiums.--If the premiums under this
29 section are increased, the Department of Revenue shall notify
30 each qualified individual by mail that the individual's premiums

1 have been increased, describe the reason for increasing the
2 premiums and describe the plan for restoring the money so that
3 premiums are returned to 0.58% of the individual's wages.

4 (g) Exemption.--An employee who demonstrates that the
5 employee has long-term care insurance is exempt from the premium
6 assessment under this section.

7 Section 10. Self-employed individuals.

8 (a) Electing coverage.--Beginning January 1, 2024, a self-
9 employed individual, including a sole proprietor, independent
10 contractor, partner or joint venturer may elect coverage under
11 this act. An individual electing coverage under this subsection
12 is responsible for payment of all premiums assessed to an
13 employee under section 9. The individual shall file a notice of
14 election in writing with the Department of Revenue, in a manner
15 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The individual shall be
16 eligible for benefits after paying the long-term services and
17 supports premium for the time required under section 6.

18 (b) Withdraw from coverage.--A self-employed individual who
19 has elected coverage may withdraw from coverage at times
20 prescribed by the Department of Revenue by filing a notice of
21 withdrawal in writing with the Department of Revenue, with the
22 withdrawal to take effect no sooner than 30 days after filing
23 the notice with the Department of Revenue.

24 (c) Cancellation.--The Department of Revenue may cancel
25 elective coverage if the self-employed individual fails to make
26 required payments or file reports. The Department of Revenue may
27 collect due and unpaid premiums and may levy an additional
28 premium for the remainder of the period of coverage. The
29 cancellation shall be effective no later than 30 days from the
30 date of the notice in writing advising the self-employed

1 individual of the cancellation.

2 (d) Rules and regulations.--The Department of Revenue shall
3 promulgate rules and regulations for determining the hours
4 worked and the wages of individuals who elect coverage under
5 this section and for the enforcement of this section.

6 Section 11. Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Fund.

7 (a) Establishment.--The Long-Term Services and Supports
8 Trust Fund is established as a fund in the State Treasury. Money
9 in the fund shall be appropriated on a continuing basis to the
10 department for the purposes of this act.

11 (b) Administration of fund.--

12 (1) All receipts from employers under section 9 shall be
13 deposited into the fund.

14 (2) Expenditures from the fund may be used for the
15 administrative activities of the department and the
16 Department of Revenue.

17 (3) Benefits associated with the program shall be
18 disbursed from the fund by the department. Only the Secretary
19 of Human Services or the secretary's designee may authorize
20 disbursements from the fund.

21 (4) The fund shall provide reimbursement of any amounts
22 from other sources that may have been used for the initial
23 establishment of the program.

24 (c) Utilization of revenue.--The revenue generated under
25 this act shall be utilized to expand long-term care in this
26 Commonwealth. The money may not be used either in whole or in
27 part to supplant existing State or county money for programs
28 that meet the definition of approved services.

29 (d) Money expended for other purposes.--Money deposited into
30 the fund shall remain in the fund until expended in accordance

1 with the requirements of this act. If money is expended for any
2 purpose other than supporting the long-term services and
3 supports program, the Department of Revenue shall notify each
4 qualified individual by mail that the individual's premiums have
5 been expended for an alternate use, describe the alternate use
6 and state the Department of Revenue's plan for restoring the
7 money so that premiums are not increased and benefits are not
8 reduced.

9 Section 12. Management of fund.

10 (a) Investment of money in fund.--The department shall have
11 the State Treasury invest the money in the fund. The State
12 Treasury shall have full power to invest, reinvest, manage,
13 contract, sell or exchange investment money in the fund.

14 (b) Investment policy.--All investments made by the State
15 Treasury shall be made with the degree of judgment and care
16 required and the investment policy established by the State
17 Treasury.

18 (c) Investment with other funds.--As deemed appropriate by
19 the State Treasury, money in the fund may be commingled for
20 investment with other funds subject to investment by the State
21 Treasury.

22 (d) Policies.--The department shall establish all policies
23 relating to the fund, other than the investment policies as
24 provided under this section.

25 (e) Disbursement.--With the exception of expenses of the
26 State Treasury under this section, disbursements from the fund
27 shall be made only on the authorization of the Secretary of
28 Human Services or the secretary's designee and money in the fund
29 may be spent only for the purposes specified under this act.

30 (f) Consultation.--The State Treasury shall routinely

1 consult and communicate with the department on the investment
2 policy, earnings of the fund and related needs of the program.

3 Section 13. Appeals.

4 Determinations made by the department under this act,
5 including determinations regarding functional eligibility or
6 related to registration of long-term services and support
7 providers, are subject to appeal in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. §
8 702 (relating to appeals). In addition, the standards and
9 procedures adopted for appeals under this section shall address
10 the following:

- 11 (1) Time lines.
- 12 (2) Eligibility and benefit determination.
- 13 (3) Judicial review.
- 14 (4) Fees.

15 Section 14. Information sharing.

16 The department shall:

17 (1) Seek access to Medicare data from the Centers for
18 Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States
19 Department of Health and Human Services to analyze the
20 potential savings in Medicare expenditures due to the
21 operation of the program.

22 (2) Apply for a demonstration waiver from the Centers
23 for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States
24 Department of Health and Human Services to allow for the
25 Commonwealth to share in the savings generated in the Federal
26 match for Medicaid long-term services and supports and
27 Medicare due to the operation of the program.

28 (3) Submit a report on the status of the waiver to the
29 following by December 1, 2024:

30 (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the

1 Aging and Youth Committee of the Senate.

2 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
3 Aging and Older Adult Services Committee of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 (iii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of
6 the Finance Committee of the Senate.

7 (iv) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
8 Finance Committee of the House of Representatives.

9 Section 15. Report.

10 Beginning December 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the
11 commission shall report to the General Assembly on the program,
12 including:

13 (1) Projected and actual program participation.

14 (2) Adequacy of premium rates.

15 (3) Fund balances.

16 (4) Benefits paid.

17 (5) Demographic information on program participants,
18 including age, gender, race, ethnicity, geographic
19 distribution by county, legislative district and employment
20 sector.

21 (6) The extent to which the operation of the program has
22 resulted in savings to the Medicaid program by avoiding costs
23 that would have otherwise been the responsibility of the
24 Commonwealth.

25 Section 16. Exclusions.

26 Any benefits used by an individual under this act are not
27 income or resources for any determinations of eligibility for
28 any other State program or benefit, Medicaid, a State-Federal
29 program or for any other means-tested program.

30 Section 17. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect in 60 days.