



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2157

PRINTER'S NO: 4064

PRIME SPONSOR: Boyle

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2157 would create a freestanding act to be known as the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Commission Act.

The bill would create a Chronic Care Commission whose purpose is to design and implement the informational, technological and reimbursement infrastructure needed to support widespread dissemination, adaptation and implementation of the components for chronic care in relevant health care facilities and among health care providers throughout this Commonwealth. The bill outlines the powers and duties of the Commission as well as its composition. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but will be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while carrying out their duties. The Department of Health (DOH) shall provide staff and data support to the Commission.

House Bill 2157 also outlines other powers and duties of the DOH including assisting the Commission in its duties, establishing registries that collect clinical data on patients with chronic conditions, and providing a report to the General Assembly.

The act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

On May 21, 2007, Governor Rendell signed Executive Order 2007-05 which established the Chronic Care Management, Reimbursement and Cost Reduction Commission. The responsibilities of this Commission follow those outlined in the bill. In addition, the Executive Order, like the House Bill 2157, specifies that the Governor's Office of Health Care Reform, the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare shall provide staff and/or data support to the Commission. House Bill 2279, Printer's Number 4032, as passed by the House of Representatives and Senate, includes sufficient funding to continue the operations of the Commission, which would be codified by this bill.

Executive Orders may be revised or rescinded by a Governor. Arguably, if not codified, a new Governor may decide to not fund the Commission in future years. Therefore, if codified, operations and costs of the Commission would continue indefinitely, unless the statute is repealed.

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