



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

PRINTERS NO. 257

PRIME SPONSOR: Labs

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Lottery Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 291, Printer's Number 257, amends the State Lottery Law to allow for continued eligibility for individuals enrolled in the PACE and PACENET program. This legislation is effective immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill provides that enrollees in the PACE and PACENET program, as of December 31, 2020, will remain eligible for the program if the maximum income limit is exceeded due solely to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Pursuant to Act 95 of 2019, the Social Security COLA 'moratorium' will expire on December 31, 2021. The bill extends the moratorium for an additional two years, until December 31, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Department of Aging, without an extension of the Social Security COLA moratorium beyond December 31, 2021 approximately 15,700 PACE enrollees would qualify for PACENET coverage rather than PACE coverage and 2,100 PACENET enrollees would lose PACENET coverage. Maintaining eligibility without regard to income changes due to Social Security COLAs will result in an estimated state cost of \$2.2 million in FY 21-22 and \$2.4 million in FY 22-23. This cost for the PACE and PACENET program has been included in the enacted FY 21-22 budget.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*