

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2270

PRINTER'S NO. 3448

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 19, 2012

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Watson

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, March 19, 2012

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In the Senate

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Second consideration, Oct. 15, 2012

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 2270 establishes the Alzheimer's Disease State Planning Committee, which will develop and submit an Alzheimer's Disease State Plan to the General Assembly within one year of its formation.

The bill is a freestanding act entitled the Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Act. The bill will establish a Planning Committee to create an Alzheimer's State Plan. The 23 member Committee, chaired by the Secretary of Aging, will be responsible for the development of a comprehensive strategy to address the growth of Alzheimer's disease and other related cognitive disorders within the Commonwealth.

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The Planning Committee shall report the following in the Alzheimer's State Plan and submit it to the General Assembly within one year of the bill's effective date:

- Trends in the Alzheimer's disease population, including the state's role in caregiver support and assistance for those with younger onset Alzheimer's disease;
- Policy recommendations, including monitoring those with Alzheimer's disease for accurate population estimates;
- Type, cost and availability of existing services including respite care, home care, hospice and other home and community based services;
- Dementia-specific training requirements including the number of dementia care units in facilities;
- Examination of geriatric-psychiatric units as treatment alternatives;
- Quality care measures in long-term care facilities;
- Existence of assisted living options for persons with dementia;
- State support for medical and academic research and resources;
- Identification of gaps within the current system to better coordinate services for families and those with Alzheimer's disease.

Effective immediately and will expire on the date that the report is submitted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2207 will have no adverse fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The Department of Aging's budget includes a \$250,000 appropriation for Alzheimer's Outreach. Any costs associated with development of the report and resulting State Plan could be absorbed by this appropriation.