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(Senator Pugh, *et al.*)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council -
Membership and Extension of Termination Date

This bill alters the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, by adding five members and removing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's representative, and extends the council's termination date to September 30, 2019.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal expenditures associated with staffing the commission are maintained for an additional three years – into FY 2020 – for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA). Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapters 305 and 306 of 2013 established the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council and specified council membership. DHMH is required, with the assistance of MDoA, to staff the council and may request staffing assistance from interested public health entities.

The council is required to:

- continue the work initiated by the Maryland Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission, including the development and monitoring of the 2012 Maryland State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders;
- include in the State plan strategies and actions that support prevention and early detection, address chronic disease factors contributing to health disparities, and enhance quality of care;
- improve access to and coordination of services and knowledge of available resources and information;
- review State statutes, policies, and programs to improve and enhance quality of life and support and services;
- develop a public education campaign;
- and improve data collection capacity on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in the State to better target support, services, and needs.

A member of the council is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

The council terminates September 30, 2016.

Background: Maryland's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders *Commission* was established by executive order in 2011 and was tasked with making recommendations for a State plan to address the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders (as well as their families and caregivers). In its report, dated December 2012, the commission identified five goals: support prevention and early identification; enhance quality of care; enhance supports for individuals and families; enhance public awareness; and improve data capacity to track progress. The commission also indicated in its report that it would pursue the establishment of a *permanent* council through the legislative process.

The *council*, established in 2013 for a three-year period, released an annual report in 2014 updating the status of the 2012 State plan and reiterating the council's commitment to the goals expressed in the commission's previous report. No report was released in 2015. According to the council, approximately 130,000 Marylanders are expected to have Alzheimer's disease or related dementia by 2025, and a disproportionate number of these individuals will represent racial and ethnic minorities.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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