

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 782 (Senator Astle)

Finance

Advisory Committee on Home-Based Health Care Services

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to establish an Advisory Committee on Home-Based Health Care Services. The committee is to: (1) study the current regulatory framework for home-based health care and recommend whether oversight should be strengthened or streamlined; and (2) examine employment issues relating to liability for paying employment benefits. DHMH is to staff the committee. The committee is to report to the Secretary of DHMH by December 1, 1998 and to the General Assembly by December 31, 1998.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: It is assumed that advisory committee members would be eligible for expense reimbursements according to the standard State travel regulations. Expense reimbursements would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the advisory committee's meetings. It is expected that reimbursements for the governmental members could be handled with the existing resources of the governmental entities represented on the advisory committee. Likewise, reimbursements for the non-governmental members could be

handled with DHMH's existing resources.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Licensing and Certification Administration, Board of Pharmacy, Medical Care Policy Administration, Community and Public Health Administration), Department of Legislative Services

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