

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1344 (Delegates Klausmeier and Redmer)
Environmental Matters

Joint Committee on Long-Term Care

This bill establishes a 12-member joint committee on long-term care. Six members of the committee must be members of the Senate and six must be members of the House of Delegates. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) must provide staff assistance to the committee. The committee must provide oversight and study, as necessary, for issues relating to long-term care including: (1) the quality and access to long-term care services; (2) the quality of care at facilities providing long-term care services; (3) the availability and coverage of long-term care insurance; (4) the Medicaid program; (5) the costs of long-term care; and (6) any other issue relating to long-term care in Maryland. The committee must submit an annual report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DLS could staff the committee with existing budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Joint statutory committees are created by acts of the General Assembly. Most commonly, these committees are composed of an equal number of members from the Senate and House of Delegates. Presently, the General Assembly has 16 joint

statutory committees, including the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing. This committee was created in 1992 (Chapter 395 of 1992). The committee oversees and studies health care issues, including access to health care, retention of the Medicare waiver, the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid), cost containment mechanisms, health insurance coverage, and shortages of health care labor.

Of the committee's 14 members, 7 are senators and 7 are delegates. The Senate President and House Speaker jointly appoint a senator and a delegate as co-chairs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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