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House Bill 1072 (Delegate Rosenberg)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Task Force to Study the Medicaid Eligibility Process for Long-Term Care

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Medicaid Eligibility Process for Long-Term Care staffed by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS).

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004 and terminates June 30, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DLS could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force: (1) must review the Medicaid long-term care eligibility process in other states to identify a model for improving the process in this State; (2) study the desirability and feasibility of transferring responsibility for the Medicaid long-term care eligibility process from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and authorizing the State to delegate the Medicaid long-term care eligibility process to a private entity; and (3) identify any other methods to improve the State Medicaid long-term care eligibility process. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations

Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in an interim report by November 1, 2004 and in a final report by December 31, 2005. The interim report must describe three models for improving the eligibility process.

Current Law: There is no task force to study Medicaid long-term care eligibility. DHR determines eligibility for long-term care through local departments of social services.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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