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Senate Bill 45

(Senator Lenett)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life - Membership

This bill adds the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary's designee and one representative of the hospital industry to the membership of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the additional council member are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The duties of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life include • monitoring trends in care to Marylanders with life-threatening illnesses; • studying the impact of State statutes, regulations, policies, and other aspects of public policy on the provision of care at the end of life; • providing recommendations to the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Department of Aging, and other State agencies regarding activities affecting the provision of care at the end of life; • advising the General Assembly on legislative proposals affecting the provision of care at the end of life; • participating in or otherwise promoting public and professional educational efforts concerning care at the end of life; and • carrying out other duties requested by the Governor or the General Assembly.

The council consists of 20 members: • the Attorney General (or designee); • one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; • one member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House; • the Secretary of Aging (or designee); • the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (or designee); and • 15 members appointed by the Governor. Members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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