

# HOUSE BILL 113

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By: **Delegates Hubbard and Hammen**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Interagency Committee on Aging Services - Modifications**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Interagency Committee on Aging  
4 Services; requiring the Interagency Committee to report on certain  
5 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring  
6 the Interagency Committee to create certain subcommittees, review certain  
7 plans and reports, and identify certain service needs of seniors and adults with  
8 disabilities in the State; altering the information to be included in a certain  
9 annual report; making technical changes; and generally relating to the  
10 Interagency Committee on Aging Services.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Human Services  
13 Section 10–301 and 10–309  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2007 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Human Services  
18 Section 10–302, 10–303, 10–304, 10–306, and 10–310  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2007 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Human Services**

24 10–301.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           There is an Interagency Committee on Aging Services in the Executive  
2 Department.

3 10–302.

4           (a) The Interagency Committee consists of the following members:

5                   (1) the Secretary of Aging;

6                   (2) the Secretary of Disabilities;

7                   (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

8                   (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development;

9                   (5) the Secretary of Human Resources;

10                  (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

11                  (7) the Secretary of Transportation;

12                  (8) **THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC**  
13 **DEVELOPMENT;**

14                  (9) **THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION;**

15                  (10) **THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;**

16                  [(8)] (11) a representative from an area agency appointed by the  
17 Governor from a list submitted by the Maryland Association of Area Agencies on  
18 Aging; and

19                  [(9)] (12) a member of the public appointed by the Governor.

20           (b) (1) The term of a member appointed by the Governor under subsection  
21 [(a)(8) or (9)] (A)(11) OR (12) of this section is 2 years.

22                   (2) A member appointed by the Governor under subsection [(a)(8) or  
23 (9)] (A)(11) OR (12) of this section may not be reappointed for more than 2 additional  
24 terms.

25 10–303.

26           The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Interagency Committee from among  
27 the members listed in § 10–302(a)(1) through [(7)] (10) of this subtitle.

28 10–304.

1 (a) (1) An Executive Director shall serve as the principal staff of the  
2 Interagency Committee.

3 (2) The Executive Director shall be an employee of the Department.

4 (b) Each member of the Interagency Committee listed in § 10-302(a)(1)  
5 through [(7)] **(10)** of this subtitle shall designate an employee as liaison with the  
6 Executive Director to:

7 (1) implement policies of the Interagency Committee; and

8 (2) monitor the expenditure of funds to serve seniors.

9 10-306.

10 (a) (1) The Interagency Committee shall develop and update annually a  
11 plan for providing coordinated health services, social services, transportation, housing,  
12 and employment services to seniors in the State consistent with the priorities that the  
13 Department establishes.

14 (2) If the members of the Interagency Committee cannot agree on a  
15 plan, the chair shall refer the matter to the Governor for resolution.

16 (b) Annually on or before a date that the Governor sets, the Interagency  
17 Committee shall develop and present to the Governor and the General Assembly a  
18 consolidated operating budget for services to seniors that:

19 (1) sets forth the relevant portions of the operating budget of any unit  
20 responsible for services to seniors; and

21 (2) is consistent with the plan developed under subsection (a) of this  
22 section.

23 (c) The Interagency Committee shall establish interagency agreements and  
24 adopt regulations to:

25 (1) implement and coordinate services to seniors consistent with the  
26 plan developed under subsection (a) of this section;

27 (2) maximize the sharing of resources among units of State  
28 government for services to seniors;

29 (3) consolidate planning and evaluation efforts at the State and local  
30 levels; and

31 (4) coordinate and expedite the delivery of services to seniors by  
32 providing technical assistance to local agencies.

1 (d) (1) The Interagency Committee shall assist county agencies to  
2 establish local interagency committees composed of:

3 (i) the directors of the local health department, local  
4 department of social services, and area agency; and

5 (ii) officials from housing, transportation, mental health,  
6 employment, and economic development agencies.

7 (2) Local interagency committees shall coordinate and expedite the  
8 delivery of services to seniors at the local level.

9 (E) (1) **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2010, THE INTERAGENCY**  
10 **COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE**  
11 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON CONSENSUS**  
12 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO REFORM THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
13 **PROGRAM LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING HEALTH SERVICES,**  
14 **DESIGNED AS NECESSARY TO MEET THE DIFFERING NEEDS OF SENIORS AND**  
15 **ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE STATE.**

16 (2) **IN DEVELOPING THE RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED UNDER**  
17 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL:**

18 (I) **CREATE STAKEHOLDER SUBCOMMITTEES CONSISTING**  
19 **OF PROVIDERS, CONSUMERS, ADVOCATES, AND LOCAL INTERAGENCY**  
20 **COMMITTEES TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS;**

21 (II) **REVIEW LONG-TERM CARE PLANS AND CONSENSUS**  
22 **REPORTS CREATED IN THE STATE AND IN OTHER STATES RELATED TO**  
23 **LONG-TERM CARE, INCLUDING LONG-TERM CARE MANAGED CARE; AND**

24 (III) **IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH THE SERVICE NEEDS OF**  
25 **SENIORS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE STATE NEED TO BE**  
26 **ADDRESSED.**

27 10-309.

28 (a) (1) The Interagency Committee shall:

29 (i) develop a system to provide services to frail or  
30 health-impaired seniors at risk of institutionalization; and

31 (ii) coordinate the system among the agencies represented on  
32 the Interagency Committee.

1                   (2)    The Department shall administer the system for the Interagency  
2 Committee.

3           (b)    The services shall include:

4                   (1)    integrated screening and evaluation;

5                   (2)    development of an individual plan of care;

6                   (3)    in-home services such as minor home repair, shopping assistance,  
7 homemaking, personal care, meal delivery or preparation, supportive services to group  
8 or shared living arrangements, transportation services, and health services; and

9                   (4)    community services such as day care, congregate meals, and other  
10 programs to assist seniors or adult caregivers in providing care for seniors.

11           (c)    To be eligible to participate in the system, a county or counties shall  
12 establish a community-based plan that:

13                   (1)    is developed by a local or regional committee composed of:

14                           (i)    the directors of the local health department, local  
15 department of social services, and area agency; and

16                           (ii)   officials of other relevant agencies, such as local housing,  
17 transportation, employment, and economic development officials;

18                   (2)    is consistent with the plan developed under § 10-306(a) of this  
19 subtitle;

20                   (3)    specifies administrative arrangements to evaluate and develop  
21 care plans for frail or health-impaired seniors;

22                   (4)    encourages further coordination of service delivery;

23                   (5)    fosters individual contributions for services provided;

24                   (6)    fosters the development of innovative service delivery;

25                   (7)    fosters the development of services in conjunction with the private  
26 sector; and

27                   (8)    fosters community involvement through the use of volunteers.

28           (d)    The Interagency Committee, through the Department, shall work with  
29 local health departments, local departments of social services, area agencies, and local  
30 housing, transportation, economic development, and employment development officials  
31 to develop:

1           (1) a system to designate case managers to secure and manage  
2 necessary services for each frail or health-impaired senior in need; and

3           (2) guidelines to establish local or regional committees to coordinate  
4 the services system to implement this section.

5 10-310.

6           Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Interagency  
7 Committee shall present a report before each legislative session to the General  
8 Assembly on:

9           (1) the plan developed under § 10-306(a) of this subtitle, **INCLUDING**  
10 **A DESCRIPTION OF ANY CHANGES AND UPDATES TO THE PLAN;**

11           **(2) THE STATUS OF THE SYSTEM DEVELOPED UNDER § 10-309 OF**  
12 **THIS SUBTITLE;**

13           ~~[(2)]~~ **(3)** the activities of the Interagency Committee; and

14           ~~[(3)]~~ **(4)** the status of services to seniors in the State.

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 2009.