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House Bill 119 (Delegate Sample-Hughes)
 Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA), the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, to incorporate specified information regarding cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health outreach programs to educate health care providers and increase public understanding and awareness.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$62,300 in FY 2022 and \$12,700 in FY 2023 for contractual support and printing and communication expenses. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	62,300	12,700	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$62,300)	(\$12,700)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Maryland’s Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders *Commission* was established by executive order in 2011 and tasked with making recommendations for a State plan to address the needs of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders (as well as their families and caregivers). In its December 2012 report, the commission identified five goals: support prevention and early identification; enhance quality of care; enhance supports for individuals and families; enhance public awareness; and improve data capacity to track progress. The report also indicated that the commission would pursue the establishment of a *permanent* council through the legislative process.

Chapters 305 and 306 of 2013 established the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders *Council* in 2013 for a three-year period. The council released an annual report in 2014, updating the status of the 2012 State plan and reiterating the council’s commitment to the goals expressed in the commission’s previous report. Chapters 74 and 75 of 2016 subsequently altered the council’s membership and extended its termination date to September 30, 2019. Chapters 410 and 411 of 2019 further altered the membership and duties of the council, required the council to submit an [annual report](#), and extended the council’s termination date to September 30, 2024.

State Expenditures: MDH general fund expenditures increase by \$62,288 in fiscal 2022, which accounts for the bill’s October 1, 2021 effective date. MDH advises that one permanent full-time position is needed to implement this bill. However, the Department of Legislative Services notes that the added responsibilities incurred by this bill are not ongoing and, thus, may be performed by a contractual employee for a period of one year. This estimate, therefore, reflects the cost of hiring one community health educator to work with MDOA, the council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association to incorporate specified information into public health outreach programs currently administered by MDH and to educate health care providers. The estimate includes a salary, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, one-time printing and communication expenses, and ongoing operating expenses.

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Contractual Position	1	(1)
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$39,358	\$11,911
Printing and Communication Expenses	15,000	0
Operating Expenses	<u>7,930</u>	<u>751</u>
Total State Expenditures	\$62,288	\$12,662

In fiscal 2023, general fund expenditures increase by \$12,662, which reflects ongoing salary, fringe benefits, and operating expenses through the anticipated termination of the contractual position on September 30, 2022.

This estimate does not include any health insurance costs that could be incurred for specified contractual employees under the State's implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

This estimate reflects anticipated costs associated with printing educational materials and related communications costs for MDH. To the extent MDH can obtain printed educational materials from the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at no cost, expenditures decrease accordingly.

Additional Comments: Virginia enacted nearly identical [legislation](#) in 2018.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 456 of 2020 passed in the House but received no further action from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. Its cross file, SB 725, received a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Designated Cross File: SB 313 (Senator Washington) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Aging; Maryland Department of Health; Department of Legislative Services

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