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House Bill 1412

(Delegate Kerr, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Rules

**Public Health - Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee - Established**

This bill establishes a Parkinson’s Disease Registry Advisory Committee in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to (1) assist in the development and implementation of a “Parkinson’s disease” registry; (2) determine what data must be collected and stored in such a registry and the methods to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of data collected and stored in the registry; and (3) advise MDH on Parkinson’s disease and maintaining a Parkinson’s disease registry. By January 1, 2023, MDH must report to specified committees of the General Assembly on recommendations (including legislative recommendations) for the establishment of a Parkinson’s disease registry. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** MDH general fund expenditures increase by \$24,000 in FY 2023 for contractual staff, as discussed below. Future years reflect elimination of the contractual position. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	24,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$24,000)	\$0	\$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

**Bill Summary:** “Parkinson’s disease” means a chronic and progressive disorder resulting from deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine as the consequence of specific degenerative changes in the area of the brain called the basal ganglia, characterized by tremors at rest, slow movements, muscle rigidity, stooped posture, and unsteady or shuffling gait.

The Secretary of Health must appoint individuals to serve on the advisory committee, including a neurologist, a movement disorder specialist, a primary care provider, a physician informaticist, a patient with Parkinson’s disease, a public health professional, a population health researcher familiar with disease registries, a Parkinson’s disease researcher, and any other individuals the Secretary determines are necessary.

The Secretary must establish (1) the duration of term limits for members; (2) the frequency of meetings; (3) rules and procedures for conducting business; and (4) any other rules necessary for the advisory committee to function.

**Current Law:** The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA) aims to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of Marylanders and their families through the provision of public health leadership and community-based health efforts.

**State Expenditures:** MDH advises that PHPA will be responsible for convening the advisory committee and completing the required report. PHPA does not currently have staff to absorb the additional duties required under the bill. Therefore, MDH general fund expenditures increase by \$23,973 in fiscal 2023 only, which accounts for the bill’s July 1, 2022 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost to hire one part-time (50%) contractual health policy analyst to assist the advisory committee and complete the required report. It includes a salary, fringe benefits, and one-time start-up costs.

Contractual Position	0.5
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$17,112
Operating Expenses	<u>6,861</u>
<b>Total FY 2023 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,973</b>

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 analysis assumes that the contractual position terminates at the end of January 2023, after the submission of the required report. To the extent that the advisory committee requires ongoing support, general fund expenditures increase accordingly.

**Additional Comments:** In 2016, the [Parkinson's Foundation's](#) Parkinson's Prevalence Project estimated that there were 13,800 cases of Parkinson's disease in Maryland.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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