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House Bill 703

(Delegate Kerr, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Rules

Public Health - Parkinson's Disease - Advisory Committee and Website

This bill requires the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Advisory Committee to (1) consult with entities that may be able to collect data and work with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to aid CDC in creating a national Parkinson’s disease registry; (2) beginning July 1, 2023, meet at least quarterly; and (3) by July 1, 2023, submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on recommendations for a path forward toward the establishment of a fully functional State Parkinson’s Disease Registry. By October 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in collaboration with the State-designated health information exchange (HIE), must establish a website that includes specified information on Parkinson’s disease in the State. The website must be updated by January 1 annually. **The bill takes effect June 1 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No effect in FY 2023. MDH general fund expenditures increase beginning in FY 2024 for two, part-time (50%) staff. Future years reflect elimination of one-time start-up costs, ongoing operating costs, and a reduction in one part-time position to 25% in FY 2025. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	129,700	93,100	97,000	101,300	106,500
Net Effect	(\$129,700)	(\$93,100)	(\$97,000)	(\$101,300)	(\$106,500)

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 340 of 2022 established the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Advisory Committee 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. The advisory committee includes 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 necessary.

State Expenditures: Under the bill, the advisory committee must (1) begin meeting at least quarterly (rather than as specified by the Secretary under current law); (2) consult with entities that may be able to work in partnership with CDC regarding a national Parkinson’s disease registry; and (3) submit a report by July 1, 2024, on recommendations regarding a State Parkinson’s disease registry. MDH (in collaboration with the State-designated HIE) must also establish and maintain a website that includes specified data in a downloadable format on the incidence of Parkinson’s disease in Maryland. To implement these requirements, MDH requires additional personnel.

Therefore, MDH general fund expenditures increase by \$129,663 in fiscal 2024, which reflects a 30-day start-up delay from the bill’s June 1, 2023 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one part-time (50%) health policy analyst to staff the advisory committee’s meetings (which must be at least quarterly), prepare the advisory committee report, coordinate activities with the State-designated HIE and other entities that may be able to consult with CDC, and oversee website development and maintenance; and one part-time (50%) epidemiologist to conduct data analysis to post on the website and provide consultation to the advisory committee on a State Parkinson’s disease registry. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

	<u>FY 2024</u>
Full-time Equivalent Positions	1.0
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$105,561
One-time Start-up Expenses	16,004
Operating Expenses	<u>8,098</u>
Total FY 2024 State Expenditures	\$129,663

Future year expenditures reflect full salaries with annual increases and employee turnover as well as annual increases in ongoing operating expenses. However, MDH anticipates reducing the part-time epidemiologist position from 50% to 25% effective

July 1, 2024 (fiscal 2025). As the advisory committee must meet at least quarterly in perpetuity and the website must be annually updated, these part-time positions are permanent and ongoing.

Additional Comments: In 2016, the Parkinson's Foundation's Prevalence Project estimated that there were 13,800 cases of Parkinson's disease in Maryland. The Parkinson's Disease Advisory Committee met five times in 2022. The last meeting was October 11, 2022.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 584 (Senators Gile and Elfreth) - Finance.

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